

Make the Right Call



Rumor Control: Telephone, Telegraph, Tell-a-Ref



Al Leonard, Woody Woodruff, and Joe Thompson, Pacific Northwest Basketball.

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When I first began officiating, it was surprising to me how quickly information traveled throughout the officiating community. Within hours, it seemed as though the entire local association was aware of what had just occurred. When I asked a veteran official, the response was one that I will always

Year in and year out, athletic administrators ask how they can help recruit officials. The answer has been consistent from the WOA, in that we would like them to help retain officials by creating a positive

environment at their school. The WOA feels that this is the number one controllable reason for officials choosing not to return for another season. With that being said, this would also be true for all the officials who are

remember. He said the three best ways to communicate were a telephone, telegraph, or tell-a-ref. At the time, I thought this response was pretty funny, but over the last few years, I have realized that this statement summarizes the situation quite well. The frequency and number of rumors that have been spread throughout the officiating community have been nothing short of spectacular.

- Here are a few things that would help in controlling the rumors that are currently out there, as well as those that may come up over the course of doing business:
1. Verify the information before making the decision to share with other officials.
 2. The WOA works hard for the membership and

Officials as Fans

also spectators (especially the ones who are parents). It is important that officials always carry themselves as professionals and help in creating an atmosphere that encourages other officials to continue in this avocation.

deserves to be given the benefit of the doubt. If the information being spread seems contrary to the mission of the WOA, question the source and contact the WOA to get the facts surrounding the issue.

3. Although the WOA has the best interest of the officials in mind when making decisions, there are other factors that come into play. Ask for details surrounding how the decision was made rather than assuming the WOA was not thinking about what was best for the officials.

4. The WOA is usually the only entity dealing with a true picture of the issue at hand and is the only entity that has to deal with the facts. Anything less than the facts will undermine the integrity of the association.

Special points of interest:

- VERIFY INFORMATION
- SHARE ONLY THE FACTS THAT HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED
- CONTACT THE WOA TO CONFIRM THE INFORMATION THAT SEEMS OUT OF LINE WITH THE WOA MISSION STATEMENT
- DEALING WITH THE FACTS MAINTAINS THE INTEGRITY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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2009 State Tournament Volleyball Officials



1B/2B - Yakima

Blue Mtn: Tom Deccio
 Central WA: Dick Carmody
 Col Basin: Mike Leonard
 Col. Gorge: Debbie Allaway
 Colville Valley: Denise Smith
 Grays Harbor: Sheryl Crose
 Inland Empire: Melissa Fadler
 Lewis Co: Diane Byrnes
 Olympic Pen: Jorge Sencil
 Seattle: Hiram Aea
 Seattle: Teresa Miller
 Sno Co: Amy Andrews
 Spokane: Mark Yamamoto
 Tacoma: Ray Bingham
 Vancouver: Brandon Hannula

1A - Yakima

Ch Douglas: Stephanie Fuller
 Lewis Co: Ted McCarson
 Lower Col: Jocelyn Price
 NW WA: Steve Richardson
 Okan Co: Marty Palmanteer
 Seattle: Jim Mullen
 Tacoma: PJ Jones
 Tri Cities: Chris Purcell

3A - Kennewick

NW WA: Gregg Heyne
 Olympic Pen: Mark Burgener
 Seattle: Nydia White
 Sno Co: Amy Jones
 Spokane: Patty Kells
 Tacoma: Jerry Aeschlimann
 Thurston Co: Sam Martin
 Tri Cities: Debra Miller

2A - Kennewick

Central WA: Chris Carter
 Inland Empire: David Sperry
 NW WA: Tim Williams
 Seattle: Don Hough
 Sno Co: Ron Swafford
 Spokane: David Williams
 Tacoma: Robyn Buck
 Vancouver: Julie Waterman

4A - Kennewick

Central WA: Ken Suaby
 Seattle: Michael Cole
 Seattle: Sue Doty
 Sno Co: Pat Kaminske
 Spokane: Linda Kildew
 Spokane: Rusty Wellman
 Tacoma: Paul Jensen
 Tacoma: Ray Laguana
 Tri Cities: Tamara Koegler
 Vancouver: Arne Allen



Nydia White, Greater Seattle Volleyball

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Upcoming WIAA State Tournament Schedule

An official can gain admittance to the following fall events with the purchase of the WOA State Tournament Pass (contact your assigner for more details) :

Soccer

November 20-21
 Sunset Chev, Sumner (1B/2B)
 Sparks, Puyallup (1A, 2A)
 Harry Lang, Lakewood (3A,4A)

Volleyball

November 12-13
 Yakima Sundome (1A)
 Toyota Center, Kennewick (4A)

Football (Semifinals)

November 27-28
 Westside Games: Tacoma Dome
 Eastside Games: Sites TBD

November 13-14

Yakima SunDome (1B,2B)
 Toyota Center, Kennewick(2A,3A)

Football (Gridiron Classic)

December 4-5
 Tacoma Dome

State Tournament information can be found at the WIAA web site:
www.wiaa.com



John Matteo, Evergreen Basketball

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WIAA Adds 35-Second Shot Clock for Boys Basketball

Last April, the WIAA Representative Assembly approved adding a 35-second shot clock to boys basketball. Although many officials are already familiar with officiating games utilizing the shot clock, it is important that the local associations/boards review

the operating instructions so all the officials have an understanding of the shot clock, as well as the differences between the boys and girls in dealing with the backcourt and closely guarded.

In order to help the transition to the shot clock in the boys

game, let's take a few minutes early in the season to make sure all the shot clock operators understand their responsibilities.

Rules pertaining to the shot clock can be found at the following link:
www.woa-officials.com/shot_clock.pdf

2009 Semifinal Football Officials

1B Semifinals

R: Mark Johnson, WSFA
U: Ric Bishop, EFA
LJ: Rob Triana, SWWFA
HL: Nick Martin, PNFOA
BJ: Jim Brotten, SCFA

R: Kevin Malone, IEFA
U: Steve Spencer, CBFA
LJ: David Puente Jr, YVFA
HL: Brian Myers, CVFA
BJ: Philip Basham, WWFA

2B Semifinals

R: Joe Ashcraft, LCFA
U: Steve Hauser, PNFOA
LJ: Terry Simmonds, SSFA
HL: Ross Noe, SCFA
BJ: Lee Gregory, WWFA

R: Mark Koch, WWFA
U: David Pearson, SEWFA
LJ: Larry Schreckengast, OCFA
HL: Henry Sparks, TRIFA
BJ: Steve Felker, IEFA

1A Semifinals

R: Matt McDaniel, PNFOA
U: Kent Kalisch, SSFA
LJ: Randy Rooney, NOFA
HL: Joe Quirk, LCFA
BJ: Dave Donnelly, WSFA

R: John Jensen, CBFA
U: Sam Bakotich, SWWFA
LJ: Marc Devoir, TRIFA
HL: Ron Schafer, IEFA
BJ: Jason Gardiner, PNFOA

2A Semifinals

R: Dave Krajcar, EFA
U: Tom Rosenbach, SCFA
LJ: Matt Dornan, PNFOA
HL: Ace Beckham, PFA
BJ: Roger Oldemar, LCFA

R: Brad Cramer, YVFA
U: Larry Atkins, TRIFA
LJ: Jim Warrick, IEFA
HL: Jason Kelley, SWWFA
BJ: Frank Slusser, SEWFA

3A Semifinals

R: Bret MacRae, PNFOA
U: Greg Kline, WWFA
LJ: John Williams, EFA
HL: Kent Goto, WSFA
BJ: Jeff Caldwell, SSFA

R: Chuck Stewart, SSFA
U: Scott Cordell, IEFA
LJ: Dave Paul, PFA
HL: Greg Knox, PNFOA
BJ: Will Gaethle, YVFA

4A Semifinals

R: Steve Jensen, SCFA
U: James Cheeseboro, WSFA
LJ: Charles Hall, WWFA
HL: Rick Langeland, EFA
BJ: Lonnie Langford, PNFOA

R: Mike McMullen, TRIFA
U: Bill Tilton, YVFA
LJ: Tim Baker, CCFA
HL: Gary Tomlinson, WWFA
BJ: Bob DeVleming, IEFA



2009 Gridiron Classic Officials

1B Final

R: Rich Halterman, OCFA
U: Warren Morrison, PNFOA
LJ: Steve Hamblin, TRIFA
HL: Ryan Lahne, SEWFA
BJ: Rob Quello, WWFA

2B Final

R: Jim Goss, EFA
U: Mic Sager, NOFA
LJ: Daryl Van Dinter, WWFA
HL: Greg Stevens, IEFA
BJ: Jerry Anderson, CCFA

1A Final

R: Bill Kivett, YVFA
U: Lynn Clark, BMFA
LJ: Larry Musselwhite, WSFA
HL: Matthew Terrell, SSFA
BJ: James Canady, PNFOA

2A Final

R: Brooks Schomburg, PNFOA
U: Jerry Lundberg, PFA
LJ: Jeffrey Holm, CBFA
HL: Ron Anderson, WWFA
BJ: Kevin Slorey, SWWFA

3A Final

R: Terry Keister, WWFA
U: Dan Meyer, IEFA
LJ: Eric Cheatley, LCFA
HL: Mike Crawford, PNFOA
BJ: Kevin Kunkel, EFA

4A Final

R: Mike Zender, WSFA
U: Mike Williams, WWFA
LJ: Chris Storey, PNFOA
HL: Jeff Schireman, SCFA
BJ: Chad Burch, YVFA

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE
OFFICIALS SELECTED
TO WORK AT A
WIAA STATE
TOURNAMENT.

GOOD LUCK AND
REMEMBER TO HAVE
A GREAT TIME!

2009 State Tournament Soccer Officials

Columbia: Cindy Brooks
Columbia: Mike Brown
Col Basin: Lupe Magana
Cowlitz Co: Matt Swanson
East King Co: Chuck Suter
East King Co: Ed Eldredge
East King Co: Lisa Brouelette
Inland Empire: Justin Ryan

Inland Empire: Debora Brock
Kitsap Pen: Brian Yarbrough
North Chapter: Brian Armes
North Chapter: Steve Thorson
Pierce Co: Roger Ottwell
Pierce Co: Aaron Hagman
Quad Co: Charles Kramer
Quad Co: Max McGuire

Seattle: Christine Suter
Seattle: Cathy Echert
Tri Cities: Jude Davis
Skagit: Kurt Niemeyer Sr
South King Co: Scott Ray
South King Co: Richard Meeks
Wenatchee: Humberto Lozano
Yakima Valley: Ed Uribe





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Note from the Commissioner:

Congratulations to all the officials who have been selected for the 2009 Fall State Tournaments. Although it is an honor for those selected, it is also important to thank all the officials who worked throughout the fall covering all the regular and postseason contests. Officials are an intricate part of interscholastic activities and deserve a huge thank you from all those who benefit from participating.

I would also like to acknowledge those who have submitted suggestions for articles. If you would like to make a suggestion for future newsletters or if you are interested in writing an article, please send an email to info@woa-officials.com.

Todd Stordahl
WOA Commissioner

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NFHS Rules Change Process



Steve Colby, Northwest Basketball Board,, moderates the panel discussion at the 2009 WOA Conference.

Photo Courtesy of George Eastman

Do you have a rule that you would like the NFHS to consider? Is there a clarification or editorial change you think would help clarify a current NFHS rule? Every year, the NFHS rules committees meet to consider the rule changes, clarifications, and editorial changes submitted by the state associations. Once the committee has narrowed the list down to a handful they would like considered, the NFHS Executive Board votes on the recommendations from the rules committee.

If you are interested in submitting a rule change or clarification, it is important that the following process is adhered to:.

1. Submit your proposal to your local association/board.
2. Upon receiving the proposal, your local association/board should evaluate the proposal and decide if they are supportive of the change or clarification.

3. The WOA contact from your local association/board should submit the proposal to the WOA prior to the end of the sports season.
4. Upon receiving the proposal, the WOA staff will discuss with the WIAA staff to determine whether or not the proposal will be sent to the NFHS.
5. The WOA will provide an update to the local association/board contact as to the status of the proposal.