

# Make the Right Call



## Using Video as a Training Tool

One of the best tools for training all levels of officials is video. Although it is a very effective tool, it is also a difficult one to create. Here are a couple examples of statewide video training programs currently in use:

### Football

The football training DVD that is distributed at the senior seminar has been a great addition to the training of officials as they prepare to work a semifinal/final assignment. The DVD also helps with those officials striving to become eligible within their local association to begin working postseason assignments. In order for this success to occur, the WOA had to lean on a few individuals who put in countless hours to develop the concept and then put in the time to record, review

and edit video clips to emphasize the areas of training.

### Wrestling

This past year, the wrestling community put together a DVD on "Stalling". An area of concern that can only be truly explained using visual aids has been a great addition to the training of officials and will hopefully have the same success as the football DVD in getting officials on the same page in terms of consistently making the stalling call.

### Creating a Program

Interested in developing a statewide training DVD for another sport?

1. Discuss ideas for a new training video with the WOA
2. Develop the concept and

the timeline for creating the video

3. Set-up the funding mechanism to cover the development and distribution
4. Present the concept and funding proposal at the summer conference during the sport-specific session to request approval from the associations/boards

### Local Video Training

If your association/board is interested in developing a local video training program, check with the schools in your service area to find out if they would be willing to copy their game tape for the association/board to use for training. The medium may need to be supplied to the school, but most schools are more than willing to provide game footage.

## Reminder: Officials as Fans

During the state tournaments there are the winners and the runner ups, the close games and the blowouts, the good calls and the..., well, let's say not so good calls. During all of this, the fans gather to support their teams, by cheering their victories or

consoling their losses and complaining about the officiating. Nothing real noteworthy here. However, there is another group that often gathers to do a little critiquing of their own. That group is us, the officials. Be aware of your surroundings.

Comments about the quality of officiating can be taken out of context if overheard by partisan fans. Always try to be positive in commenting on fellow officials, but no matter what you say, please be discreet.

### Special points of interest:

- TRAINING DVD DEVELOPED TO HELP IMPROVE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING
- STALLING DVD DEVELOPED IN WRESTLING TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY VISUAL AIDS TO IMPROVE THE CONSISTENCY OF MAKING THE RIGHT CALL
- CHECK WITH HIGH SCHOOLS IN YOUR SERVICE AREA TO SEE IF THEY ARE WILLING TO COPY GAME TAPE FOR THE OFFICIALS TO USE FOR TRAINING

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## 2010 State Tournament Volleyball Officials



### 2B, 1A - Yakima

Blue Mountain: Tom Deccio  
Central WA: Chris Carter  
Chelan Douglas: Ken Krebs  
Columbia Gorge: John Davis  
Colville Valley: Denise Smith  
Grays Harbor: Sheryl Crose  
Lewis County: Troy Lee  
NW WA: Steven Richardson  
Okanogan Co: Mike Sheldon  
Olympic Pen: Mark Burgener  
Olympic Pen: Katie Savage  
Snohomish Co: Robert Moya  
Spokane: Heide Wehr  
Tacoma: Jerry Aeschlimann  
Vancouver: Arne Allen

### 1B - Yakima

Inland Empire: David Sperry  
Lewis County: Ted McCarson  
Lower Columbia: Al Burk  
Seattle: Michael Cole  
Snohomish Co: Mac VanHoesen  
Tacoma: Ray Bingham  
Thurston County: Gary Poe  
Tri Cities: James Orr

### 3A - Kennewick

Lower Col: Jocelyn Price  
NW WA: Tammy Kelly-Hanson  
Olympic Pen: Jorge Sencil  
Seattle: Don Hough  
Snohomish Co: Ron Swafford  
Spokane: Tom Konis  
Tacoma: Robyn Buck  
Tri Cities: Kimberly Baker

### 2A - Kennewick

Central WA: Dick Brown  
Chelan Douglas: Kirk Einspahr  
Inland Empire: Rich Waller  
NW WA: Tim Williams  
Seattle: Vernon Tom  
Spokane: Corey Brantley  
Tacoma: David Hodgins  
Vancouver: Lee Kauk

### 4A - Kennewick

Central WA: Susan Braun  
Seattle: Sue Doty  
Seattle: Nydia White  
Snohomish Co: Amy Andrews  
Spokane: Lisa Paull  
Tacoma: Paul Jensen  
Tacoma: Steve Gustafson  
Thurston Co: Bill Mills  
Tri Cities: Michael Stankovich  
Vancouver: Brandon Hannula



Tom Davenport, Tri Cities Volleyball

Photo Courtesy of NW Sports Photography

## 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 19-20  
Sunset Chev, Sumner (1B/2B)  
Sparks Stadium, Puyallup (1A, 2A)  
Harry Lang, Lakewood (3A, 4A)

### Volleyball

November 11-12  
Yakima SunDome (1B)  
Toyota Center, Kennewick (4A)

### Football (Semifinals)

November 26-27  
Westside Games: Tacoma Dome  
Eastside Games: Sites TBD

November 12-13  
Yakima SunDome (2B, 1A)  
Toyota Center, Kennewick (2A, 3A)

### Football (Gridiron Classic)

December 3-4  
Tacoma Dome

State Tournament information can be found at the WIAA web site: [www.wiaa.com](http://www.wiaa.com)



Jude Davis, Tri Cities Soccer

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## Region 1 Annual Meeting

On November 8, Region 1 held their annual meeting at Burlington-Edison High School. Every year, each region holds a meeting in order for the WOA contacts and representatives to meet with the WOA Commissioner to discuss current issues and areas of concern. This meeting is a great way for

the local associations/boards to share what is going on in their area. Sometimes the issues are unique to a region, but more likely than not they are similar to other areas of the state and it helps the local representatives to troubleshoot solutions by receiving feedback from others in the area, as well as

WOA staff.

Also in attendance at the region meeting are the WIAA District Directors. This allows for the local association/board representatives to hear issues from the school's perspective, while being able to share concerns with schools that the director can address.

## 2010 Semifinal Football Officials

### 1B Semifinal

R: Steve Lingenfelter, PFA  
U: Joe Cardinale, WSFA  
HL: Rob Spero, PNFOA  
LJ: Murray Gordon, SCFA  
BJ: Philip Basham, WWFA

R: Joe Ashcraft, LCFA  
U: Rick Anderson, TRIFA  
HL: David Norwood, YVFA  
LJ: Ken Eickerman, IEFA  
BJ: John Dreisen, CBFA

### 2B Semifinal

R: Gary Loucks, EFA  
U: Dennis Faber, SWWFA  
HL: Frank Fennerty, SSFA  
LJ: Ed Tharp, PNFOA  
BJ: Steve Landro, SCFA

R: Cliff Watkins, TRIFA  
U: Jim Strom, IEFA  
HL: Ron Anderson, WWFA  
LJ: Artie Ingham, SEWFA  
BJ: Greg Leadon, YVFA

### 1A Semifinal

R: Mike Wilson, NOFA  
U: Joe Horn, WWFA  
HL: Mason Moore, LCFA  
LJ: Joe Beltico, SSFA  
BJ: Steve Wirth, PNFOA

R: Jeff Elbracht, SEWFA  
U: Tracy Hillman, PFA  
HL: Tim Baker, CCFA  
LJ: Dewayne Ramsey, BMFA  
BJ: Steve Felker, IEFA

### 2A Semifinal

R: Gavin Anderson, PNFOA  
U: Bob Walker, EFA  
HL: Gary Tomlinson, WWFA  
LJ: Steve Solinger, LCFA  
BJ: Rob Triana, SWWFA

R: Bob DeVleming, IEFA  
U: Mike Kay, South Sound  
HL: Larry Schreckengast, OCF  
LJ: Michael Valdez, CBFA  
BJ: Jason Swendt, WSFA

### 3A Semifinal

R: Terry Golden, WSFA  
U: Michael Carter, PNFOA  
HL: Tom Blair, SWWFA  
LJ: Ken Wood, WWFA  
BJ: Bob Vaught, EFA

R: Dean Corcoran, SCFA  
U: Reggie Oliver, YVFA  
HL: Bob Guerin, IEFA  
LJ: Chris Cook, PNFOA  
BJ: Collin Smith, TRIFA

### 4A Semifinal

R: John Dively, WWFA  
U: Tom Rosenbach, SCFA  
HL: Wane Dallosto, PNFOA  
LJ: Peter Lockhart, WSFA  
BJ: Mike Kain, SSFA

R: Brad Cramer, YVFA  
U: Ron Schafer, IEFA  
HL: Jeff Kinne, TRIFA  
LJ: Rick Langeland, EFA  
BJ: Don Hendrickson, CCFA



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

GOOD LUCK AND  
REMEMBER TO HAVE  
A GREAT TIME!

## 2010 Gridiron Classic Officials

### 1B Final

R: Randy Edwards, SSFA  
U: Steve Schwartzenberger, YVFA  
HL: John Williams, EFA  
LJ: Charles Hall, WWFA  
BJ: John Love, IEFA

### 2B Final

R: Nick Albrandt, CBFA  
U: Jeff Hanson, LCFA  
HL: Ryan Wilson, WSFA  
LJ: Lonnie Langford, PNFOA  
BJ: Jeff Gates, SEWFA

### 1A Final

R: Robert Berg, SWWFA  
U: Steve Nearents, OCF  
HL: Greg Knox, PNFOA  
LJ: Sam Nishi, YVFA  
BJ: Scott Kramer, WWFA

### 2A Final

R: Mark Koch, WWFA  
U: Jeff Mattson, PNFOA  
HL: Jay Wilson, SCFA  
LJ: Jim Warrick, IEFA  
BJ: Phil Lepper, NOFA

### 3A Final

R: Bret MacRae, PNFOA  
U: Dan Stivers, WWFA  
HL: Scott Erickson, PFA  
LJ: J. Brian Addleman, CCFA  
BJ: Matt Woodruff, WSFA

### 4A Final

R: Kevin Malone, IEFA  
U: Ric Bishop, EFA  
HL: Greg Fisher, WWFA  
LJ: Mark Deichman, TRIFA  
BJ: Michael Livingston, PNFOA

## 2010 State Tournament Soccer Officials

Columbia: Katie Salvey  
Columbia Basin: David Moore  
Cowlitz Co: Mark Higginson  
East King Co: Dan Compton  
East King Co: Ed Eldredge  
Inland Empire: Ricky Jennings  
Inland Empire: Justin Ryan  
Kitsap Peninsula: Pat Ryan

North Chapter: Rich Barnett  
North Chapter: Dan Anderson  
Pierce Co: Max Mojarab  
Pierce Co: George England  
Quad Co: Osa Odum  
Quad Co: Paul Kennelly  
Seattle: Michael Echert  
Seattle: Bill Bryant

Skagit Valley: Aleta Walker  
South King Co: Brooke Reed  
South King Co: Greg Reed  
Tri Cities: Christian Cosma  
Tri Cities: Michael Bunker  
Wenatchee: Humberto Lozano  
Whatcom Co: Sherry Patrick  
Yakima Valley: Chris Krueger





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### Note from the Commissioner:

Congratulations to all the officials who have been selected for the 2010 Fall State Tournaments. A huge THANK YOU is also in order for all the officials who worked throughout the season covering regular and postseason contests. Recently, the WOA office received an email in regard to shirts being distributed amongst a local officiating board. The slogan on the shirt sums up how much officials mean to interscholastic athletics. The shirt slogan: "Without officials, it's just recess!"

Are there any issues you would like covered in future editions of the newsletter? Please send your ideas to [info@woa-officials.com](mailto:info@woa-officials.com).

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## Mentor, Don't Muddle With New Officials by Jeffrey Stern



Brooks Schomburg, Pacific Northwest Football

Photo Courtesy of Dale Garvey

To many veteran officials, mentoring is the ultimate Catch-22. They hate it when they have to work a game with a poorly trained, nervous rookie. Yet they're afraid if they pass along what they've learned, the young whippersnappers will start taking their plum assignments.

Like it or not, it's a fact that the current corps of officials is an aging group and that fresh troops are needed to replenish the ranks. It is incumbent on the more skilled and more experienced

officials to ensure that the next batch is ready to perform at a high level as soon as possible. That's where mentoring comes in.

Mentoring is one of the best ways of giving inexperienced officials the training they need to succeed. Here are some tips:

**Choose the right people.** Not every successful official is a good mentor.

**Follow up.** Many local associations have developed mentoring programs. The best ones involve one-on-one

interaction between the newbie and the mentor.

**Observe.** In some sports, working a game or scrimmage with a newer official will give a mentor an idea of what skills the student needs to develop.

**Recognize.** An association can make giving and receiving mentoring more appealing by giving special recognition to those involved. Rewards for rookie of the year and mentor of the year can be presented.

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