

Make the Right Call



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Get Real By Setting Achievable Goals

There are several factors that go into making assignments, whether you want to admit it or not, age and physical condition can be a factor in determining if it's best to enjoy the current level you are officiating or make a move to a higher level.

Younger officials generally have more flexibility as far as availability to move up to another level and some have the potential or "it" factor that many supervisors and assigners seek. But moving up too quickly also can be detrimental to a younger official who simply is not ready or hasn't been in enough tough officiating situations to handle the pressures of the next level.

Age also can be a factor for men and women who begin officiating closer to middle age than teenage. Often, there is a greater sense of urgency for those individuals to move up the ladder quickly, mainly because the clock is ticking. That, however, may not always be the wisest decision to make. Everyone is different, mentally and physically.

Your weight can have an impact on how you are perceived as well. Carrying many extra pounds can bring doubts into the minds of others. Your officiating prowess may not be affected by

your size, but if you can't cover the court on a fast break or get down the field to cover a play just once, your size could become an immediate issue. Why give critics ammunition with which to shoot you down?

If you are truly ready to move up a level or two based on honest feedback and assessments, great. If not, it's better to take your time to focus more on development. Don't give up on your goals, unless it becomes clear that they need to be re-adjusted.

In order to realize individual goals, officials must continue to improve their officiating skills. It never hurts to enjoy a little good fortune along the way - if it materializes. However, from a practical standpoint, the key to meeting personal goals associated with any challenging profession or activity is sticking to a flexible game plan in which hard work toward an achievable series of goals is the basis for improvement. Officiating is unquestionably no different.

Make no mistake, officiating has its share of challenges, both on the court and off. To maximize productivity, officials must tackle those challenges head on. A related and extremely important point is that a realistic approach is necessary when assessing one's

abilities and setting goals. Regardless of the magnitude of the goal, an official should give 100 percent effort and welcome constructive criticism from any reliable source. Although the critiques might seem at times trivial, an official should not regard any constructive assessment as something that does not matter. After all, such assessments are fully intended to assist an official in getting better.

Officiating basics emphasize that improving skills is necessary to overcome the challenges to officiating. That should not be a revelation to anyone. What may come as a shock to some, however, is that realizing goals does not entirely depend on improving one's skills. Assigners value those officials who are not only proficient, but also highly reliable. Those officials demonstrate a deep understanding of the game and respect for players and coaches, and display a professional appearance and demeanor, while conducting themselves with class.

Therefore, if an official is truly set on achieving goals, he or she must be prepared to address any aspect—big or small—that can positively affect their officiating ability and stature.

This article can be found in, Referee magazine, June 2012)

Message from NASO

WOA officials - the 30th annual Sports Officiating Summit is coming to the Pacific Northwest for the first time since 2003. Don't miss this opportunity to

learn and network at the only national conference for lead officials, local association leaders, high school, college and pro assigners and supervisors.

The theme of this year's event held in Portland, is "Taking Care of Business."

Go to NASO.org/Summit2012 to learn more and register today!

Upcoming Events:

- MAY 25-26
SPRING STATE TOURNAMENTS
- JUNE 25-26
WIAA/WOA FOOTBALL CAMP
- JULY 29-31
NASO SUMMIT, PORTLAND
- AUGUST 2
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, YAKIMA
- AUGUST 3
WOA GOLF TOURNAMENT, YAKIMA
- AUGUST 3-4
WOA CONFERENCE, YAKIMA

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STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MAY 25-26

4A SOFTBALL

(MERKEL, SPOKANE)

3A SOFTBALL

(RAC, LACEY)

2A SOFTBALL

(CARLON PARK, SELAH)

1A SOFTBALL

(COLUMBIA PLAYFIELDS, RICHLAND)

1B, 2B SOFTBALL

(GATEWAY COMPLEX, YAKIMA)



Megan Rabin, Seattle Metro

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STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MAY 25-26

3A, 4A SOCCER

(SPARKS STADIUM, PUYALLUP)

1A, 2A SOCCER

(SUNSET CHEV, SUMNER)

2012 State Tournament Umpires: Softball

1B & 2B State Tournament

Joe Worsham, Central Columbia Basin
Bruce Richartz, Colville Valley
DJ Mackie, Palouse
Jennifer Rose, Seattle Metro
Kerry Steichen, Seattle Metro
Bob Frank, Snohomish County
Tom Doty, Spokane
Daniel Kelly, Twin City
Cole Sukow, Wenatchee Valley
Cheri (CJ) Webb, Western Washington
Zach Welch, Whatcom County
Rafael Rodriguez, Yakima Valley

1A State Tournament

Leigh Ann James, Columbia Basin
James Niels, Grays Harbor
Richard Moore, Lower Columbia
Sean Isaac, Okanogan County
Scott Prince, Olympia
David Sieck, Palouse
Joe Lopez, Seattle Metro
Steve Richardson, Skagit Island
Bob Dearborn, Snohomish County
Bob Francis, Spokane
Tim Stumetz, Tri Cities
Myron LaBrie, Western Washington

2A State Tournament

John Driesen, Central Columbia Basin
Art Corral, Evergreen
Don Sommer, Peninsula
Steve Sax, Seattle Metro
Bruce Huston, Snohomish County
Heide Wehr, Spokane
Scott Koopman, Tri Cities
Richard Warden, Walla Walla
Larry Baker, Western Peninsula
Bruce DuPuis, Western Washington
Tim Osborn, Whatcom County
Tim Taylor, Yakima Valley

3A State Tournament

Mike Sturdevant, Evergreen
Al Burk, Lower Columbia
Bill Smith, Peninsula
James Levingston, Seattle Metro
Greg Forinash, Seattle Metro
Mike McManus, Skagit Valley
Randy Harnasch, Spokane
Jim Dills, Twin City
Scott Buser, Western Washington
Kevin Schultz, Western Washington
Amy Wertz, Western Washington
Kerry Wosner, Yakima Valley

4A State Tournament

Brian Hall, Columbia Basin
Chuck Perine, Evergreen
Mark Diaz, Olympia
Dave Stocker, Seattle Metro
Sean Wells, Seattle Metro
Kristin Zacher, Seattle Metro
Dean Anderson, Snohomish County
Paul Clary, Spokane
Rich Hobson, Spokane
Bill Wagner, Tri Cities
Graig Bolton, Western Washington
Alonzo Patton, Yakima Valley

2012 State Tournament Officials: Soccer

Columbia: Bill Allison
East King County: Bryan Hulen
East King County: Chuck Suter
Inland Empire: Evan Sanders
Kitsap Peninsula: Scott Skolnik
North Chapter: Bart Acholonu
Pierce County: Mark Harris
Pierce County: Ray Moffatte

Quad County: Matthew Storvick
Seattle: Eric Kurimura
Skagit Valley: Greg Ohlsen
South King County: Ryan Meeks
Tri Cities: Alazar Yehdago
Wenatchee Valley: Humberto Lozano
Whatcom County: Timon Berry
Yakima Valley: Eduardo Uribe

2012 State Tournament Umpires: Baseball - Regionals

4A Regional Tournaments

Rich Johnson, Northwest
Joseph Spencer, Peninsula
Ken Mitchell, Snohomish County
Scott Johnson, Northwest
Frank O'Dell, South Sound
Bob Matekel, Western Washington
Dave Ratliff, Evergreen
Chris Clafin, Northwest
Russ Ratliff, Western Washington
Frank Wintersteen, Inland Empire
Mitch Crowe, KPR
Matt Snodgrass, Yakima Valley

3A Regional Tournaments

Shawn Young, Northwest
Rich LeMieux, Snohomish County
David Williams, Western Washington
Gary Ekman, Northwest
Andrew North, South Sound
Bill Brown, Western Washington
Paul Levine, Evergreen
Jon Jackson, Lower Columbia
Ross Working, Twin City
Jeff Golding, Inland Empire
Jim Klos, KPR
Bob Haringa, Yakima Valley

2A Regional Tournaments

Brian Rock, Northwest
Larry Mires, Snohomish County
Anthony King, Whatcom County
Frank Nascimento, Northwest
Kirk Hoff, Twin City
John Hayden, Western Peninsula
Mark Hewitt, Lower Columbia
Bill Ranko, Northwest
Chris Halvorson, Western Washington
Paul Sorensen, Inland Empire
Dave Warner, Northwest
Russ Taylor, Yakima Valley

1A Regional Tournaments

Jim Harrigill, Northwest
Charles Schallot, Peninsula
Darrell Wood, Skagit Valley
John Basich, Evergreen
Gunnar Guttormsen, Lower Columbia
Fritz Timm, Northwest
Ric Garces, Central Columbia Basin
Kevin Smith, Inland Empire
Michael Lorenz, Palouse
Clark Wright, Chelan County
Joshua Nielsen, Columbia Basin
Keith Kladnik, Okanogan County

2B Regional Tournaments

Dick Harrigill, Northwest
Bill Russell, Skagit Valley
Phil Lepper, Western Peninsula
Steve Powell, Northwest
Derek McAuley, South Sound
Jesse Garner, Twin City
Steve Pietroburgo, Colville Valley
Ron Schaller, Inland Empire
Gregory Mitchell, KPR
Adam Klingenberg, Blue Mountain
Greg Bennett, KPR
Marc Taylor, Palouse

1B Regional Tournaments

Thom Denholm, Northwest
Harry Soete, South Sound
Bill Seffens, Western Washington
Bruce Shields, Central Columbia Basin
Charles Hawn, Colville Valley
Shelmarie Moe, Inland Empire



Gregory Mitchell, KPR

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STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MAY 19
BASEBALL REGIONALS
(REGIONAL SITES)

MAY 25-26

3A, 4A BASEBALL
(GESA STADIUM, PASCO)

1A, 2A BASEBALL
(COUNTY STADIUM, YAKIMA)

1B, 2B BASEBALL
(ROTARY FIELD, ELLENSBURG)

2012 State Tournament Umpires: Baseball - Finals

3A & 4A Finals

Mark Kolander, Chelan County
Mark Allen, Evergreen
Stan Bryson, KPR
Bill Fitzgerald, Northwest
Rodney Rochon, Snohomish County
Jim Bailey, Western Washington

1A & 2A Finals

Chris Harvey, Columbia Basin
Kevin Wellington, Inland Empire
Bobby Leon, Northwest
Bob Blackburn, Peninsula
Scott Anderson, South Sound
Mel Patterson, Western Washington

1B & 2B Finals

Jay Neff, Northwest
Jeff Gates, Palouse
Dan Williamson, Whatcom County
Carl Ramsey, Yakima Valley



Justin Ryan, Inland Empire

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Officiating the Game for the Athletes!

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Note from the Commissioner:

Congratulations to all the officials who have been selected to work a spring state tournament. The accolades of working a state tournament game are limited to a small percentage of officials, but we all know that the real congratulations goes out to all the officials that worked throughout the spring season. Hopefully some of you will find the time to head out to one of the state tournament sites to support the officials.

This spring has been even more challenging than last year for the baseball and softball assigners due to the horrific weather. Thank you for putting in the extra effort to make sure all the games were covered.

Thank you for all you do!

Todd Stordahl
WOA Commissioner



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WOA/ArbiterSports Golf Tournament - August 3



Photo Courtesy of Dick Eglet

Do you have three officiating friends that you golf with from time to time? If so, bring your own foursome to Yakima on August 3 at 11 am to play in the 5th annual WOA/ARBITERSPORTS GOLF TOURNAMENT, supporting the WOA Student Scholarship. You can also sign up individually and we will place you on a team.

The beautiful Apple Tree Golf Resort in Yakima awaits you, with an average August temperature in the mid 80's. Carved from the rolling terrain of 100 year-old orchards in west Yakima, Apple Tree's prestigious resume includes a 4-star rating by Golf Digest. The course's signature is the 17th hole featuring the world-famous Apple Island Green, which has been named "Best Par Three" by the Seattle Times, and "One of

Washington's Top 18 Holes" by Washington CEO.

Thanks to a great rate from Apple Tree, the tournament fee is only \$69 per player. That low rate includes green fees, cart, BBQ lunch, range balls, prizes and great fun with your fellow officials. The golf tournament will finish to allow for adequate travel time back to the hotel so that you can enjoy the conference kickoff dinner and keynote speaker. All of the main tournament prizes are awarded at the Friday evening dinner, prior to the keynote speaker.

Ensure your spot by being one of the first 112 players to sign up individually or pay as a team by the July 1 deadline. Anyone signing up after the July 1 deadline will be placed on a waiting list and will be added as space becomes available.

Beginning this year, players and sponsors can make payment to the WOA by credit card. Sign up for the golf tournament and the WOA conference by going to the WOA home page www.woa-officials.com.

The tournament is open to everyone and you do not need to be a good (or even average) golfer to enjoy the event. The tournament is a great opportunity to meet new officials and even laugh at golf shots not ever seen before.

Sign up now, don't put it off until tomorrow. Either write the check and mail it to the WOA or go on-line and sign-up by credit card. It doesn't get any easier than that.

See you on August 3rd in Yakima.



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