

Make the Right Call



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Lessons Not Confined to the Classroom by Ron Sudmyer

I have had two passions for most of my life: education and officiating. Through the years, I have been struck by the similar qualities to sustain effectiveness in each job.

1. Appearance. In my 36 years as a high school teacher, department chair and vice-principal, I wore a coat and tie every day except casual Fridays when I donned a sports shirt and khakis. My view was that if teachers wanted to be treated as professionals, they needed to dress the part. Looking sharp, feeling sharp and acting sharp were parts of the whole. Similarly, when I show up to referee a football or basketball game, or umpire baseball, my initial appearance influences my credibility on the field or court. A clean well-tailored uniform with shined shoes instantly conveys a dedication to the task at hand.

2. Body language. A smile,

handshake and direct eye contact whether greetings students in school or coaches in a pregame meeting send a powerful message of engagement and respect. On the contrary, slouching, crossing arms across the chest and not hustling from one place to another signal disinterest.

3. Voice tone and emotional control. Effective administrators and officials rarely have to raise their voices. They command respect through preventative measures (quietly but firmly talking students/players out of improper actions), setting high and clear expectations and consistently enforcing the rules. When emotions begin to spiral out of control, they "keep their cool" in order to defuse the situation.

4. Know the rules, but temper them with common sense. As a vice-principal, I needed to be well versed in federal and

state law, school committee policies and regulations in the student handbook. Expert officials are very knowledgeable about their respective rulebooks. However, successful individuals in either field never call everything by the book. Each student sent to my office for discipline did not necessarily receive the same consequence. Each situation needed to be judged in context. Likewise, would a prudent referee throw a flag on a marginal holding call against a team behind by four touchdowns in the last five minutes of a game?

5. Model and teach the right values. Our influence, whether as educators or officials, depends on the examples we set. Professionalism entails timeliness, courtesy, energy and enthusiasm. When we disagree, rudeness and profanity are unacceptable.

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Reminder: Officials as Fans

During the state tournaments there are 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:

- APPEARANCE - INITIAL APPEARANCE INFLUENCES CREDIBILITY
- BODY LANGUAGE - CAN SEND A POWERFUL MESSAGE OF RESPECT
- VOICE TONE - COMMAND RESPECT THROUGH PREVENTATIVE MEASURES
- KNOW THE RULES - TEMPER RULES KNOWLEDGE WITH COMMON SENSE
- PROFESSIONALISM ENTAILS TIMELINESS, COURTESY, ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM

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2011 State Tournament Volleyball Officials

1B, 2B, 1A - Yakima

Blue Mountain: Stephanie Mayer
 Central WA: Robert Rodriguez
 Chelan Douglas: Kirk Einspahr
 Columbia Basin: Mike Leonard
 Columbia Gorge: Dan Allaway
 Colville Valley: Stryker Smith
 Grays Harbor: Sheryl Crose
 Inland Empire: Rich Waller
 Lewis County: Don Haerling
 Lower Columbia: Bill Marshall
 NW WA: Tammy Kelly-Hanson
 Okanogan Co: Rae Morris
 Olympic Pen: Mike Allen
 Seattle: Jennifer McIntosh
 Seattle: Curtis Stock
 Seattle: Dale Yamamoto
 Snohomish Co: Pat Kaminske
 Spokane: Tom Konis
 Spokane: Mark Yamamoto
 Tacoma: Tracey Broberg
 Tacoma: Angel Cano
 Thurston Co: Sam Martin
 Tri Cities: Chris Purcell
 Vancouver: Wendy Marvin

2A - Evergreen State College

Central WA: Susan Braun
 Inland Empire: Melissa Fadler
 Lewis County: Mark Mansfield
 NW WA: Evan Ritchie
 Seattle: Michele Schaab
 Spokane: Patty Kells
 Tacoma: Paul Jensen
 Tri-Cities: Ann Doherty

3A, 4A - St Martin's/Timberline

Central WA: Ken Sauby
 Lower Columbia: Jocelyn Price
 NW WA: Gregg Heyne
 Olympic Pen: Jorge Sencil
 Seattle: Riaz Kanji
 Seattle: Paul Langdon
 Seattle: Teresa Miller
 Snohomish Co: Tony Miranda
 Snohomish Co: Donna Vitellaro
 Spokane: Linda Kildew
 Spokane: Barb Twohig
 Tacoma: Jerry Aeschlimann
 Tacoma: Robyn Buck
 Thurston Co: Scott Cubberly
 Tri Cities: Mike Baker
 Vancouver Julie Waterman

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

GOOD LUCK AND
 REMEMBER TO HAVE
 A GREAT TIME!

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):

Volleyball

November 11-12
 Yakima SunDome (1B, 2B, 1A)
 Evergreen State College (2A)
 St Martin's/Timberline (3A, 4A)

Soccer

November 18-19
 Sunset Chev, Sumner (1B/2B)
 Shoreline Stadium (1A, 2A)
 Sparks Stadium, Puyallup (3A, 4A)

Football (Semifinals)

November 25-26
 Westside Games: Tacoma Dome
 Eastside Games: Sites TBD

Football (Gridiron Classic)

December 2-3
 Tacoma Dome

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



Brian Gwinn, Columbia Basin

Photo Courtesy of Dale Garvey

PNFOA, WOA and WIAA Agree to Terms

The following press release addresses the settlement agreement:

RENTON, WASH. - The Pacific Northwest Football Officials Association (PNFOA), Washington

Officials Association (WOA) and the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) agreed to terms to resolve the June 2nd lawsuit filed by the PNFOA.

"The three associations have developed a resolution that addresses the concerns of all three organizations and returns the focus to high school athletics and the student-athletes."

2011 Semifinal Football Officials

1B Semifinal

R: John Dively, WWFA
U: Steve Hauser, PNFOA
HL: John Pellerin, EFA
LJ: Bob Zamora, SCFA
BJ: Rob Shauger, PFA

R: Steve Spencer, CBFA
U: Robert Werdell, SCFA
HL: Joseph Mano, SWWFA
LJ: Randy Price, TRIFA
BJ: Tim Davis, IEFA

2B Semifinal

R: Chuck Stewart, SSFA
U: Jim Sillik, LCFA
HL: Larry Musselwhite, WSFA
LJ: Justin Hughes, PNFOA
BJ: Robert Berg, SWWFA

R: Karl Hartzheim, BMFA
U: Ron Schafer, IEFA
HL: Tom Stone, YVFA
LJ: Tim Baker, CCFA
BJ: John Cole, SEWFA

1A Semifinal

R: Jeff Sadorus, PNFOA
U: Wayne Goddard, EFA
HL: Lynne Cogger, WWFA
LJ: Bradley Clark, WSFA
BJ: David Puente Jr, SSFA

R: Mike McMullen, TRIFA
U: Steve Nearents, OCFA
HL: Frank Slusser, SEWFA
LJ: Randy Searcy, IEFA
BJ: David Norwood, YVFA

2A Semifinal

R: Jay LaFrance, SWWFA
U: Chad Burt, NOFA
HL: Rick Pearson, SSFA
LJ: Garry Morrison, WWFA
BJ: John Ray, SCFA

R: Don Hendrickson, CCFA
U: Gene Hayward, YVFA
HL: Eric Weisgerber, TRIFA
LJ: Eric Crone, IEFA
BJ: Jim Appleby, LCFA

3A Semifinal

R: Rick Gilbert, EFA
U: Bill Delaney, PNFOA
HL: Tim Osborn, WSFA
LJ: Eric Cheatley, LCFA
BJ: Philip Basham, WWFA

R: Phil Christensen, PNFOA
U: Kent Kalisch, SSFA
HL: Jeff Schireman, SCFA
LJ: Rich Salstrom, WWFA
BJ: Dave Donnelly, WSFA

4A Semifinal

R: Steve Jensen, SCFA
U: Greg Kline, WWFA
HL: Michael Williams, PFA
LJ: Rob Spero, PNFOA
BJ: John Bardin, EFA

R: Bill Turnquist, IEFA
U: Larry Atkins, TRIFA
HL: Dennis Duke, CBFA
LJ: Greg Leadon, YVFA
BJ: Chris Storey, PNFOA



(l to r) Scott Galloway, East King Co; Dave Augustavo, Seattle; Kent McLeod, East King Co

Photo Courtesy of Dale Garvey

2011 Gridiron Classic Officials

1B Final

R: Tom Vaughn, EFA
U: Bill Turnbull, WSFA
HL: Ron Anderson, WWFA
LJ: Nick Martin, PNFOA
BJ: Will Gaethle, YVFA

2B Final

R: Gavin Anderson, PNFOA
U: Mike Williams, WWFA
HL: Randy Rooney, NOFA
LJ: Ron Cate, OCFA
BJ: Steve Felker, IEFA

1A Final

R: John Dienes, PFA
U: Troy Skelton, CCFA
HL: Bryan Keatley, LCFA
LJ: Ken Wood, WWFA
BJ: Jeffrey Holm, CBFA

2A Final

R: Brad Cramer, YVFA
U: Gary Boone, SEWFA
HL: Jeff Courtney, BMFA
LJ: Dave Zylstra, SWWFA
BJ: Ryan Fleming, PNFOA

3A Final

R: Mark Johnson, WSFA
U: David Sather, SCFA
HL: Bob Guerin, IEFA
LJ: Matt Meister, EFA
BJ: Rob Quello, WWFA

4A Final

R: Jeff Ausbun, WWFA
U: Dan Meyer, IEFA
HL: Mike Crawford, PNFOA
LJ: Jim Meers, SSFA
BJ: Marc Devoir, TRIFA

2011 State Tournament Soccer Officials

1B/2B - Sunset Chev

Columbia Basin: Henry Garcia
Cowlitz Co: Brian Wood
East King Co: Edgar Martinez
North Chapter: Oji Okoro
Pierce Co: John Snyder, Jr
Seattle: Doug Nicholson
South King Co: Ryan Meeks
Tri Cities: Brian Opitz

1A, 2A - Shoreline

Columbia: Cephass Quartson
Kitsap Peninsula: Scott Skolnik
North Chapter: Rich Barnett
Quad Co: Paul Kennelly
Seattle: Jim Kusak
Skagit Valley: David Harding
Tri Cities: David Braun
Yakima Valley: Mark Fischer

3A, 4A - Sparks Stadium

Columbia: Justin St. Pierre
East King Co: Dan Compton
Inland Empire: Saeed Askar
Inland Empire: David Hamlin
Pierce Co: Max Mojarab
Quad Co: Jeff Monnett
South King Co: Tom Kelly
Whatcom Co: Kevin O'Daniel





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Note from the Commissioner:

Congratulations to all the officials selected for a 2011 Fall State Tournament. A huge THANK YOU is also in order to all the officials who worked throughout the season covering regular and postseason contests. A small number of officials receive the honor of working a state tournament, but it takes thousands of officials to cover all the high school and middle school/junior high contests throughout the respective seasons.

Please remember to submit ideas for the newsletter and articles you would like to see published in the newsletter to info@woa-officials.com. We appreciate the feedback we receive from the membership and it helps in determining what is included in each issue.

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WOA Commissioner



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Sam Nishi, Yakima Valley
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News and Notes

Football

Don Ferguson, longtime official and observer, has been appointed to chair the WOA Evaluation Program during the semifinals and finals. Don brings a lot of experience to the table and we are looking forward to working with him.

Basketball

The WOA has selected Steve Brown to serve as the point person for all issues related to basketball officiating. Over the next couple months, Steve will be working with the WOA staff to formulate the

approach the WOA will take on handling basketball issues throughout the state.

Wrestling

Sam Nishi, Yakima Valley Wrestling, has been selected by the NFHS to serve on the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee. The WOA is thankful Sam has agreed to serve on the rules committee as it is pretty time intensive, but it is a great honor for the WOA to be able to be involved at the national level.

Fall State Tournaments

Thank you to the following officials who have agreed to serve as officials' coordinators for the upcoming fall state tournament:

Volleyball

Marc Blau, Tacoma-Pierce Co
Cindy C-Wilson, Seattle
Sheri Hendricks, Lewis County
Virginia Hays, Central WA

Soccer

Dave Augustavo, Seattle
George Eastman, South King Co
Debora Brock, Inland Empire



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