

Make the Right Call



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What Your Parents Taught You Still Applies

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A lot of parents teach their children that saying “please” goes a long way when asking for something and saying “thank you” is essential after receiving it. If children forget their manners, a reminder of “What do you say?” is often heard. As a result, children learn an important lesson.

What you were taught by your parents long ago still applies - and you can use it in your officiating. Check out some parental teachings and how they apply to your games.

“Mind your manners.”

Whether you’re conversing with the game manager or scorer before the game or the coach in a heated moment during the game, your manners matter. You’ll gain a lot of respect from those around the game if you conduct yourself as a professional. That means saying “please” when you’re asking for a towel or water. That means saying “thank you” to the coach when he or she provides information you requested.

Developing a positive rapport with the game manager, for example, will serve you well if an incident occurs for which you need assistance. The individual is much more likely to be available and helpful if he or she has respect for you.

Staying positive isn’t always easy when you’re asked to dress in a closet or being screamed at by the masses, but it’s important. Remember that you’re representing not only yourself but the rest of officiating. Leave the complaining to the coaches and fans. They’re good at it.

“Clean up after yourself.”

How many times were you asked to clean your room while growing up? Maybe your spouse is still asking you to do that. It was important back when you were a kid to pick up your messes and the same goes today. If you’re fortunate enough to have a locker room, treat it with respect. Clean up after yourself. Pick up trash and towels before you leave.

“Respect your elders.”

Your elders in officiating are your assigners, observers and peers at times, as well. Respect your assigners by keeping your schedule up to date, showing up to your games on time and letting them know of any incidents as soon as possible. Respect your observers and peers by listening to their critique of select calls or evaluations of your overall performance. Whether you agree or disagree with the assessments, listen. Don’t be

the “yeah, but” official who makes excuses. Respect the individuals’ opinions and listen. You just might learn something.

“Try your best.”

When you were a kid, your parents just wanted you to do your best and if you made a mistake, it was no big deal because you tried. People aren’t as accepting of mistakes from adults, especially officials. But the lesson still applies: Try your best on the field or court. What does that mean? Enter a game prepared, having studied the rules and mechanics recently - not last season. Make time for a pregame with your partners. And then when you get to the game, do your best to be in the right position and get the calls right.

If you make a mistake, you learn from it and move on. Coaches, players and fans make mistakes. You will too. If you did your best, that is all you can do. Accept your best as good enough.

Maybe you’re now teaching your kids the lessons you learned from your parents. That’s great, but don’t forget to apply the guidance to yourself as well.

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Special Points of Interest:

- You’ll gain a lot of respect from those around the game if you conduct yourself as a professional.
- Remember that you’re representing not only yourself but the rest of officiating.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Whether you agree or disagree with the assessments, listen.
- Enter a game prepared, having studied the rules and mechanics recently.
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2A State Volleyball Officials

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Aflac is Landing at WOA

The WOA is working with Aflac to make benefits available to members, effective immediately. Our Aflac representative, Steve Pohlman, will be traveling the state to find out which members are interested. You will be able to apply on the spot for accident, cancer, or hospital indemnity limited benefit insurance policies for you and your family. Policies will be available to association members at payroll rates.

If you have any questions, or are interested in applying before Steve gets to your part of the state, please give him a call at 206.310.9981.

2012 State Tournament - Volleyball Officials

1B, 2B, 1A - Yakima County SunDome

Blue Mountain: Tom Deccio
Central Washington: Gregg Pleger
Central Washington: Eric Carlson
Chelan-Douglas: Stephanie Fuller
Columbia Basin: Mike Leonard
Columbia Gorge: Sara McFall
Colville Valley: Denise Smith
Grays Harbor: Sheryl Crose
Inland Empire: Rich Waller
Lower Columbia: Karen Eastwood
NW Washington: Tim Williams
Okanogan County: Mike Sheldon
Olympic Peninsula: Katie Savage
Seattle: Hiram Aea
Seattle: Teresa Miller
Seattle: David Williams
Snohomish County: Pat Kaminske
Spokane: Heidi Wehr
Spokane: Mark Yamamoto
Tacoma-Pierce County: Ray Bingham
Tacoma-Pierce County: Anna Tinnemore
Thurston County: Bill Mills
Tri Cities: Tim Stumetz
Vancouver: Lee Kauk

2A - Pierce College/Lakes

Central Washington: Ken Sauby
Inland Empire: David Sperry
Lewis County: Troy Lee
NW Washington: Kenn Johnson
Olympic Peninsula: Jason Dennis
Seattle: Bill Lewis
Snohomish County: Jeff Helmer
Spokane: Corey Brantley
Tacoma-Pierce County: Jerry Aeschlimann
Tri-Cities: James Orr

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

Central Washington: Chris Carter Lower
Columbia: Jocelyn Price
NW Washington: Evan Ritchie
Olympic Peninsula: Jorge Sencil
Seattle: Curtis Stock
Seattle: Nydia White
Seattle: Dale Yamamoto
Snohomish County: Tony Miranda
Spokane: Patty Kells
Spokane: Lisa Paull
Tacoma-Pierce County: Paul Jensen
Tacoma-Pierce County: Dave Dempski
Tacoma-Pierce County: Robyn Buck
Thurston County: Scott Cubberly
Tri Cities: David Hodgkin
Vancouver: Brandon Hannula

WIAA Fall 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 9-10
Yakima Co SunDome (1B, 1A, 2A)
Pierce College/Lakes (2A)
St Martin's/Timberline (3A, 4A)

Soccer

November 16-17
Sunset Chev, Sumner (1B/2B)
Shoreline Stadium (1A, 2A) Sparks
Stadium, Puyallup (3A, 4A)

Football (Semifinals)

November 23-24
Westside Games: Tacoma Dome
Eastside Games: Sites TBD

Football (Gridiron Classic)

November 30-December 1
Tacoma Dome

State Tournament information can be found at the WIAA web site:

www.wiaa.com

2012 Semifinal Football Officials

1B Semifinal

R: Dean Corcoran, SCFA
 U: Joe Cardinale, WSFA
 HL: Justin Hughes, PNFOA
 LJ: Kevin Edds, WWFA
 BJ: Robbie Triana, SWWFA

R: Merl Scacco, CVFA
 U: JJ Oliver, SEWFA
 HL: Eric Weisgerber, TRIFA LJ: Joel Murphy, IEFA
 BJ: Todd Pogorelc, YVFA

2B Semifinal

R: Rick Gilbert, EFA
 U: Jay McKean, WWFA
 HL: Ross Noe, SCFA
 LJ: Drew Jackson, PFA
 BJ: Matt Woodruff, WSFA

R: Phil Christensen, PNFOA
 U: Steve Schwartzberger, YVFA
 HL: Tim Peterson, IEFA
 LJ: Richard Brown, TRIFA
 BJ: Philip Basham, WWFA

1A Semifinal

R: Reese Baker, LCFA
 U: LaMarcus Ford, PNFOA
 HL: Russ Dukek, NOFA
 LJ: Tim Voie, SWWFA
 BJ: Kevin Kunkel, EFA

R: Billy Kivett, YVFA
 U: Jim Strom, IEFA
 HL: Frank Fennerty, SSFA
 LJ: John Dreisen, CBFA
 BJ: Collin Smith, TRIFA

2A Semifinal

R: Terry Simmonds, SSFA
 U: Michael Kelley, SWWFA
 HL: Don Belland, LCFA
 LJ: Steve Wirth, PNFOA
 BJ: Mike Miller, WWFA

R: Tom Reser, IEFA
 U: Andy Lampe, OCFA
 HL: Michael Valdez, CBFA
 LJ: Greg Morrison, SEWFA
 BJ: Dan See, BMFA

3A Semifinal

R: Lonnie Langford, PNFOA
 U: Jim Sillik, LCFA
 HL: Richard Foster, WWFA
 LJ: Murray Gordon, SCFA
 BJ: David Puente Jr, SSFA

R: Steve Hamblin, TRIFA
 U: Jerry Anderson, CCFA
 HL: David Norwood, YVFA
 LJ: Phillip Barricklow, EFA
 BJ: John Love, IEFA

4A Semifinal

R: Max Howard, WWFA
 U: Tom Rosenbach, SCFA
 HL: John Pellerin, EFA
 LJ: Ryan Wilson, WSFA
 BJ: Bill Swedberg, PNFOA

R: Mike Zender, WSFA
 U: Ric Bishop, EFA
 HL: Fred Perkins, PFA
 LJ: Rich Atwater, SSFA
 BJ: Steve Landro, SCFA

2012 Gridiron Classic Officials

1B Final

R: Jeff Elbracht, SEWFA
 U: Nick Albrandt, CBFA
 HL: Marty Palmanteer, OCFA
 LJ: Chad Burch, YVFA
 BJ: Pat Sievers, SCFA

2B Final

R: Lynn Clark, BMFA
 U: Ron Schafer, IEFA
 HL: Tyler Trimble, SWWFA
 LJ: Matt Dornan, PNFOA
 BJ: Scott Kramer, WWFA

1A Final

R: Steve Savage, WWFA
 U: Rob Cormier, SSFA
 HL: Ken Borbe, WSFA
 LJ: Eric Crone, IEFA
 BJ: John Bardin, EFA

2A Final

R: Don Hendrickson, CCFA
 U: Steve Hauser, PNFOA
 HL: Gary Tomlinson, WWFA
 LJ: Dave Farrington, NOFA
 BJ: Bryan Keatley, LCFA

3A Final

R: Kevin Malone, IEFA
 U: Greg Kline, WWFA
 HL: Wane Dallosto, PNFOA
 LJ: Pete Lockhart, WSFA
 BJ: Ace Beckham, PFA

4A Final

R: Steve Jensen, SCFA
 U: Rick Anderson, TRIFA
 HL: Sam Nishi, YVFA
 LJ: Charles Hall, WWFA
 BJ: Chris Storey, PNFOA

2012 State Tournament Soccer Officials

1B/2B - Sunset Chev

Columbia: Rusty Williams
 Columbia: Nick Olsen
 Pierce: Laci Moyer
 Pierce: Max Mojarab
 Quad: Max McGuire
 Quad: Tim Flint
 Seattle: Kurt Anderson
 South King: Tom Kelly

1A, 2A - Shoreline Stadium

Inland Empire: Justin Ryan
 Inland Empire: Erin Chilson
 Kitsap Peninsula: Kevin Broga
 N Chapter: Connor Hazelwood
 Skagit: Andrew Hovenden
 Wenatchee: Nicholas Clerc
 Whatcom: Zoe Barton
 Yakima: Jose Espinoza, Jr

3A, 4A - Sparks Stadium

Columbia Basin: Tim Logan
 East King: Ed Eldredge
 East King: Stacy Eldredge
 N Chapter: Chuck Spaniola
 Pierce: Joe Tompkins
 Seattle: Katie Fadden
 South King: Scott Ray
 Tri Cities: Christian Cosma



Writers Needed

The WOA is always looking for officials interested in writing articles for the monthly newsletter. If there is a topic you are interested in writing about, please send an email to the WOA with the potential topic.

If you are just interested in writing an article, regardless of the topic, please contact WOA to find out if there is a topic that has been submitted that is in need of an author.

The success of the monthly newsletter is due to the continued involvement of the membership.

Thank you for considering getting involved.



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Note from the Commissioner:

Congratulations to everyone selected to work a WIAA State Championship. Please remember to have FUN! Issues and conflict tend to gain a little momentum this late in the season, but it is important that the officials assigned to the state tournaments remember the reason they are there and that they are more than prepared to deal with any situation that may arise. So relax, officiate and HAVE FUN!

The last couple weeks have been pretty busy. Region 6 (Spokane-Pullman-Colville) meeting was held on Monday, October 29, in Spokane. The following Monday, the Region 1 (Snohomish-Skagit-Whatcom) meeting was held in Burlington. It was great getting the opportunity to talk with those in attendance and I thank you for taking time to attend the meeting.

Friday, November 9 was spent bouncing back and forth from St Martin's and Pierce College to watch State Volleyball. Some great volleyball games and a great demonstration as to the quality of officiating provided by the local boards.

Soccer Semifinals and Finals are this weekend, with Football Semifinals and Gridiron Classic the following two weeks.

Todd Stordahl
WOA Commissioner

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News and Notes

RTO Program

Football - A lot of lessons were learned in the first year of the program. The RTO Football Committee will meet to debrief and offer suggestions for improvement. Thank you to all who participated as observers.

Volleyball - The RTO Volleyball Committee will begin compiling recommendations for the training component to be implemented for 2013. The committee is targeting mid-January for the first draft.

Soccer - With the potential change in rules set and training, the WOA has set aside the R and T of the program, but will still observe any game footage sent to the office. It is important that the avenue for observing the quality of officials is present regardless of the set of rules used to officiate.

Basketball - The WOA will be scheduling a RTO Basketball Committee meeting for early December. Videos will be reviewed beginning with the first game of the season, with the hope of in-person observations happening after the first of the year.

Fall State Tournaments

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

Volleyball

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

Soccer

Dave Augustavo, Seattle
Deb Brock, Inland Empire
George Eastman, South King

Winter Sports Clinics/Tests

Winter clinics and tests are available online. The WOA staff will continue to work with the WIAA staff to figure out ways to reduce the delay for future seasons. Why the delay? The WIAA is using a new program for their online clinics that is not compatible with the WOA database, therefore the WOA is developing clinics separate from the WIAA. The biggest concern is being able to deliver a consistent message to both coaches and officials. So, we are working on discovering ways to streamline the development of the clinics, as well as better ways to communicate a consistent message when developing the clinics. Thank you for your patience during the latter part of October as we worked on making the clinics and tests available.