

# Make the Right Call



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## What You Need to Know Before Showing Up by Julie Sternberg

The person who came up with the saying, "What you don't know can't hurt you," clearly didn't have officials in mind. It can, and it will. The more you know, the better things will go. In other words, you can't go wrong by preparing for your game. In fact, there are several things you need to know before you even arrive at the game site.

### 1. Know how to officiate the level you are working.

Yes, you need to know the rules and mechanics before you arrive at the game site. Your pregame will help you keep the right mind-set, but you should be thinking about the level of action before you arrive.

**2. Know whether or not you're going to have a game and when.** Have you ever driven a long time

through traffic only to arrive at a game and then found out it was cancelled? What did you do? Blame the school? Complain to your assigner? Well, there is plenty of blame to go around and you're not without guilt.

**3. Know where you are going.** Know where you are going and how long it will take, so you know you will arrive well in advance of your game.

**4. Know who your partner or partners will be.** Contact your partners to verify the assignment, arrival time and responsibilities. When you know the individual or individuals you will be working with, you should prepare yourself for the best way to officiate the game with the partner(s).

**5. Know you're going to have a pregame and postgame meeting.** Know in your mind before you arrive that you are going to have a proper pregame. Prepare for it. Identify some of the keys you will discuss.

**6. Know which teams are playing (and what that might mean).** The philosophy of starting the game with a clean slate does not mean, "Strive for complete ignorance regarding the two teams". It is important to know which teams you will be officiating and to prepare ahead of time for that specific match-up.

That's a lot to know before you show up to your next game. If you're not prepared, start now.

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## WOA Executive Board Meeting: May 7, 2012

On May 7, 2012, the WOA will hold the final Executive Board meeting of 2011-12. The two areas of focus during this meeting will be bringing the current year to a close and preparing for the start of the next year.

Although the fiscal year ends July 31, there is a month and a half crossover where staff is closing out 2011-12, while preparing for 2012-13.

Some of the agenda items for the upcoming meeting include:

- Region/Sport Reports
- Statewide Agreement
- 2012-13 Budget
- Personnel Decisions
- Conference Planning

## Upcoming Events:

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

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(l to r) Ed Rhoades and Cara Graham registering Chris Manolopoulos at the 2009 WOA Conference

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## NEW THIS YEAR

REGISTER FOR THE 2012 WOA CONFERENCE AND WOA/ARBITERSPORTS GOLF TOURNAMENT ONLINE USING YOUR CREDIT CARD.

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Apple Tree Golf Course

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John Matteo, Evergreen Basketball

Photo Courtesy of Joe Spencer

## WIAA Hall of Fame Inductee - Ed Rhoades

On May 9, Ed Rhoades will be inducted into the WIAA Hall of Fame - Class of 2012.

Ed was inducted into the WOA Hall of Fame in 2009.

Ed officiated football, basketball, baseball and softball for 31 years.

Currently, Ed serves on the

WOA Executive Board, is one of two baseball clinicians, assigns basketball, baseball and softball and is a WIAA State Baseball Tournament UIC.

Ed has had a great influence on officials throughout the state as a mentor and leader in officiating. He has always brought a professional

manner to his work and has a great working relationship with the WIAA and its member schools.

Congratulations Ed!

Interested in attending the 2012 WIAA Hall of Fame luncheon? Please contact the WIAA for ticket information (425.687.8585).

## WOA/ArbiterSports Golf Tournament

Make your plans now to play in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual WOA/ArbiterSports Summer Golf Classic on Friday, August 3. Spend an afternoon golfing in the Yakima sunshine at the beautiful Apple Tree Golf Course while also supporting the WOA Scholarship Fund. The "scramble" format allows fun participation for ALL golfers, regardless of skill level and it is a great way to kick off the annual WOA Conference. You'll finish up in plenty of time to enjoy the keynote speaker at the conference's kickoff dinner later that evening.

Your golf tournament committee appreciates the continued financial support from our various Associations

and Boards, business partners, tournament sponsors and from you, the tournament player. We strive to improve the tournament experience for our players each year and also to grow the event so that we can contribute a larger amount to the WOA scholarship account. Thanks to your support, three college scholarships have been awarded to sons and daughters of WOA officials over the past three years.

Due to the generosity of the Apple Tree Golf Course, the registration fee is a low \$69 per player. The entry fee includes a barbecue lunch and a riding cart. Also included are a tee prize,

special random prizes, prizes for lowest team score, highest team score, KP's and many others. An added bonus is getting to spend the afternoon laughing and socializing with other officials who share your passion for interscholastic sports. Ensure your spot by being one of the first 112 players to sign up individually or pay as a team by July 1. Anyone signing up after July 1 will be placed on a waiting list and will be added as space becomes available.

An enhancement to this year's tournament will enable players and sponsors to make payment to the WOA by credit card. Sign up for the golf tournament and the WOA conference by going to [www.woa-officials.com](http://www.woa-officials.com).

## WIAA/WOA Football Camp: June

The 2012 WIAA/WOA Football Camp will be held June 25-26 at Central Washington University. This camp is a great way to network with fellow officials and to spend a couple days immersed in high school mechanics.

Camp registrations are limited to fifty campers, so make sure to contact your assigner to secure a spot for the camp.

The camp will focus on mechanics and philosophy. This is a great setting for young officials or officials

who are looking at changing positions for the upcoming season.

Please contact your assigner if you are interested in attending the 2012 WIAA/WOA Football Camp. Priority registration for local associations ends May 15.

## Baseball: Conference, Behavior, Venues, Allocations

### Defensive Conference

**Q:** Can a coach make a pitching change and then go out to second base and talk with other defensive players without being charged for a conference?

**A:** Yes. If the discussion with the second baseman occurs during the same time frame as the pitching change, the coach is not charged for the defensive conference.

### Unsporting Behavior

**Q:** Can a coach or player

receive a postgame ejection in the parking lot?

**A:** No. Even though it is not an ejection, the umpire should submit a conduct report if a coach or player exhibits unsporting behavior in the parking lot. The WIAA staff will follow-up on the incident with appropriate school administrator.

### Venues - State Finals

There has been a change in venues for the 2012 State Baseball Finals:

### **1B and 2B**

Rotary Field, Ellensburg

### **1A and 2A**

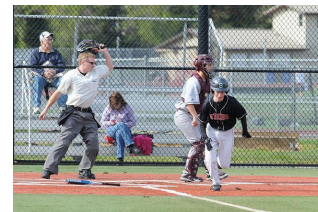
County Stadium, Yakima

### **3A and 4A**

GESA Stadium, Pasco

### Allocations - State Finals

Due to the fact that the 1B Finals only consist of the Championship game, the number of umpires assigned to the 1B, 2B Finals has been reduced from six to four.



Steve Reed, Northwest Baseball

Photo Courtesy of Dale Garvey

## Softball: Baserunning, Venues

### Two Runners on Second

**Situation:** Bases are loaded with one out (Infield Fly in effect), batter hits infield fly to pitcher who drops it (no problem) runner from third tries to score and is not tagged, so she scores. Catcher sees two runners standing at second base, throws the ball to the pitcher who is in the circle. The runner from first and the runner who was at second are both standing on second base. The coaches are screaming at

them to do something.....one runner takes off for third after a good 15-20 seconds of pondering.

**Ruling:** The runner attempting to advance to third would be called out on the look-back rule.

### Venues - State Tournament

Four out of the five venues remain the same for 2012. The only change is that the 1A Tournament has been moved to Richland. The following venues will be used:

### **1B and 2B**

Gateway Sports Complex, Yakima

### **1A**

Columbia Playfields, Richland

### **2A**

Carlton Park, Selah

### **3A**

Regional Athletic Complex, Lacey

### **4A**

Merkel Sports Complex, Spokane

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SHOULD SUBMIT A CONDUCT REPORT IF A COACH OR PLAYER EXHIBITS UNSPORTING BEHAVIOR IN THE PARKING LOT. THE WIAA STAFF WILL FOLLOW-UP ON THE INCIDENT.”

## Soccer: Goalkick, Venues

### Goalkick Hits Referee

**Play:** Defender B3 takes a goalkick. The ball leaves the penalty area, hits the referee and rebounds toward the goal. B3 dives, touching the ball, but it goes in.

**Ruling:** The handling is the more serious of the two simultaneous offenses (the other is a second-touch

violation), so the restart is a penalty kick. There is no need for a red card for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity, since a team cannot score against itself from a goalkick. If B3 does not touch the ball and it enters the goal, it would be a corner kick. If keeper B1 had taken the kick and touched the rebounded ball, it would

be an indirect free kick regardless if it enters the net.

### Venues - State Tournament

Sparks Stadium has replaced Harry Lang Stadium as a State Tournament Venue.

### **1A and 2A**

Sunset Chev Stadium, Sumner

### **3A and 4A**

Sparks Stadium, Puyallup



John Towers, East King County

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### Note from the Commissioner:

We are a month away from the Spring State Tournaments and we are still waiting for the Spring weather. A lot of rainouts.....plus a lot of miserable afternoons sitting in the rain (thanks to the turf fields and soccer not having rainouts) and we find ourselves heading into postseason. Thank you to all the officials who have dealt with a very flexible game schedule and advance kudos for the time and effort that will be put forth to complete the 2012 regular season. Spring is usually a grind because of the poor weather and the number of contests that start at 3:30 in the afternoon. We truly appreciate the effort of the assigners as they work with the athletic administrators to make sure the games are properly covered.

As we approach the summer months, please keep in mind two great events: NASO Summit in Portland (July 29-31) and the WOA Conference in Yakima (August 3-4). Both events are a great way to network with fellow officials and start your 2012-13 on a positive note. If you plan on attending either of these events, register early and save a little money. Hope to see you at one or both of these great events.

Todd Stordahl  
WOA Commissioner



Jerry Forkner, Seattle Metro  
Photo Courtesy of Dale Garvey

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## Test Yourself: Baseball, Softball and Soccer

Each of the following includes a situation and at least two possible answers. Decide which answer or answers are correct for NFHS rules.

### Baseball

When it comes to equipment, umpires must:

- A. Throw out a pitcher's glove if any batter complains.
- B. Do a thorough pregame bat and helmet check every game.
- C. Be vigilant when it comes to issues related to equipment, but there are no mandatory inspections.
- D. Umpires have no

responsibilities related to player equipment.

### Softball

B1 checks her swing on a pitch that is called a ball. The catcher requests P to ask U1 about a possible attempt to strike at the ball.

- A. You are mandated by rule to go for help on a checked swing.
- B. While it is a good mechanics to go for help, you are not required to do so.

### Soccer

A2 commits a cautionable foul 25 yards from goal. The

referee displays a yellow card to A2, quickly sets the wall and signals for the direct free kick to be taken, with A2 still on the field. The ball enters the goal.

- A. It is a valid goal, restart with a kickoff.
- B. The free kick must be re-taken after A2 departs the field and a substitute enters.
- C. While it was an infraction of the rules, allow team B the advantage, count the goal, have A2 step off the field and allow a substitute before the kickoff.

Baseball: C Softball: B Soccer: C



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