

RTO Advisory Group
3/16/16
Agenda

Group Members:

Tim Thomsen, WIAA Executive Board, Sumner School District AD
(ABS) Rob Rainville, Chelan High School Athletic Director
Jim Piccolo, District 1 Director
Terry Becksted, WOA Executive Board, Region 3
(ABS) Tyler Trimble, WOA Executive Board, Region 4
(ABS) Will Niccolls, WOA Official
Todd Stordahl, WOA Executive Director
Brian Smith, WIAA Staff

Rob Rainville will no longer be on the committee as he has started his Superintendent certification.

Group reviewed the following foundational group agreements.

Belief Statement: The WIAA/WOA RTO Advisory Committee believes the RTO program is essential to improving the quality of officiating and increasing the number of officials which in turn has a great effect on the games, coaches, schools, communities, and the educational culture.

Goal: This group will serve as a steering committee using feedback from both associations to guide improvements of the level of officiating by the increase of accountability for all involved with the program.

Task: RTO-AC will help guide the program by monitoring the process and progress of its implementation and performance. The RTO-AC tasks include building relationships between both associations and throughout the WOA, setting measurable goals, creating proper procedures, development of a monitoring plan, and improve communication by continually educating all parties that are involved.

Notes from the January meeting were discussed and feedback was given from representative associations:

1. Financial Considerations for each individual association is difficult as spreading the RTO money across the total number makes the pot very small. Is it enough to make a huge difference at the local level? It is a start and has already proven to align observation and teaching techniques.
2. Can we unify the look and purpose for WOA/Individual association's passes to games? Should WOA and schools insist on having passes available only when the RTO Rubrics are to be used? That helps with association buy in and consistency and standardizes all pass gate procedures around the state. School would like to see consistency both at the gate and with official's treatment.
3. Offering passes would take school buy in at the league and district level. It would also encourage local associations to use the RTO rubric and format when evaluating at any level.
4. The rubric is designed to give clear details for improvement to all levels of officials. It should be used as an observation tool at all levels.

5. Discussion on incentives for using the RTO rubric included sharing and making them more available to schools, associations, officials , coaches and AD's. Each party has a part to play in the implementation and overall success of their use. Will be discussed at the AD fall workshops.
6. The rubric provides a baseline for quality officiating throughout the state. All stakeholders need to invest in its success.
7. Rubric awareness needs to put into officials preseason clinic and testing.
8. Concept of raising official's fees for state games was discussed. As this may encourage officials to do more of the criteria listed on the RTO goals. Problems with doing extra requirements include cost, time and lack of reimbursement. Or is the motivation to do the extra, the additional games granted and the prestigious of being an official. A topic to be covered in more detail at our next meeting.
9. RTO expenses include website maintenance, hudl account, observations, administration.
10. Tim Thomsen will send out the updates on the document "Measurable RTO Goals".

Next meeting:

May 18

10:00-1:30

Review and finalize Measurable RTO Goals

Work on the ideas for sending out info to schools and associations regarding rto advancement and success.