

WIAA/WOA RTO Advisory Meeting

5-30-18

Group Members:

Tim Thomsen, WIAA Executive Board, Sumner School District AD
Jim Piccolo, District 1 Director
Terry Beckstead, WOA Executive Board, Region 3
Tyler Trimble, WOA Executive Board, Region 4
Nick Reydahl, AWMLP, WIAA Honorary Board, AP & AD
Todd Stordahl, WOA Executive Director
Joe Keller, District 3 Director
Brian Smith, WIAA Staff

Present: Tim Thomsen, Tyler Tremble, Todd Stordahl, Jim Piccolo, Joe Keller, and Brian Smith

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.

Agenda Items:

1. Group agreed to work together on NASO/WOA slides to present at each location of the FWS. Todd was tasked to find presenters for each location.
 - A. Address team work needed from both association regarding RTO, education, and retention.
 - B. What slides are essential? (Todd to work with Steve Simonson)
 - C. AD Focus on parents, crowds, parents
2. Tim shared out the feedback gathered from official's school input questionnaires.
 - a. Useful for schools

- b. Gives officials a means for communication (value and relationship)
 - c. Will be shared at the FWS as a state wide initiative
3. Association Issues
- a. Hold outs for RTO goals and process are small mainly in one location (1 out of 119).
 - b. Baseball had issues with one group not agreeing with the allocation and placement.
 - 1. Walked out and had to covered by other officials groups
4. Ejections were about the same this year with coaches' ejections escalating.
- a. Group approved of the violent conduct and abusive language proposal.
 - b. Group agreed that 4 officials for all state soccer play-offs.
5. WIAA amendments
- a. Judgment call appeal for ejection process was reviewed
 - b. Double yellow was discussed
6. WIAA Handbook
- a. District directors need to ask for only RTO certified officials in the post season (21.7.0.E).
 - b. The districts and leagues need to follow WIAA handbook guidelines.
 - 1. 21.8.0 – meet with associations prior to the season.
 - a. Cut down on scheduling issues
 - 2. 21.9.0 – District boards are required to have officials involved
 - a. Conflict resolution
 - b. Communicate standing issues
7. Review Goals
- a. Group went through standing goals looking to update for the Fall
 - b. September meeting will include a 2018-20 update
 - c. Next meeting will discuss game fees as well as contract items

Next Meeting: September 27, 2018