

WIAA/WOA RTO Advisory Meeting

5-31-17

Group Members:

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Todd Stordahl, WOA Executive Director
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Present: Tyler Trimble, Tim Thomsen, Terry Beckstead, Todd Stordahl, Jim Piccolo 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.

Goal measurement for 16-17: Measurable RTO Goals were reviewed as an annual process. Goal #3 reflected an increase to 7 or criteria in each RTO Sport. This is a substantial increase which included: PowerPoint rubric guides, 5 or more quizzes, and the video discussions termed you make the call. These criteria were accomplished by 40% of all officials which included 100% of the associations. All officials working the State tournaments were RTO certified which required each of them to complete all of the criteria. The 2017-18 school year will require all post season officials to be RTO certified.

The WOA Board will evaluate the effectiveness and specificity of observations by sport (goal #4). The continued effort of observations maybe more easily accomplished in the post season whereas football has built a very successful model that most likely will

change. Other sports committees will reevaluate current model for effectiveness and sustainability.

Goals 6 a. and b. show that almost 100% of the WOA associations were current with the expectation of two Football associations which were hold outs. Observers continue to be problematic as each need to be assertive, have teacher abilities, respected, and know the rules of the high school game. It is hard to find all of those traits without taking them off the court, field, etc. A survey will be reviewed by the WOA Board. The target needs to be identified and questions need to be useful for both the WOA and the WIAA.

District 3 will develop and implement an official's survey/rubric for trial usage. Feedback will be taken at the end of the 2017-18 school year for possible state-wide implementation. The tool will be used to help schools improve game day activities in which affect officials.

Goals for the 2017-18 include a focus on improved communication with officials and schools. This includes reviewing new handbook additions, rubrics, surveys, representation at meetings, and recruitment (goal 7 a.-g.).

Ejections are down overall but football had a large increase and baseball is down considerably.

Social awareness training has been discussed during the last two meetings. The WIAA office and board will research a video type instruction module in which both associations can utilize

Next Meeting set for September 13th, 2017.