

## WIAA/WOA RTO Advisory Meeting

12-13-16

### **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  
Todd Stordahl, WOA Executive Director  
Brian Smith, WIAA Staff

**Present: Tyler Trimble, Tim Thomsen, Terry Beckstead, Todd Stordahl, 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.

Reviewed the feedback on the Measurable RTO Goals from both WOA and WIAA associated groups.

1. No further edits are required
2. WIAA handbook language discussed and edits were recommended (see attachment)
  - a. WIAA Executive Board Language in Appendix 14
  - b. WIAA Executive Amendment for 21.7.0 E, 21.8.0, and 21.9.0.

Tracking Ethnic/Race ejections through the AD Ejection submission.

1. Study and analysis of student athletes
  - a. Stats must studied and as numbers could be skewed by involvement numbers
  - b. Officials may need to have the same questions
    1. Willingness to fill out may be difficult to require
    2. Perception vs. reality
  - c. May be more effective for individual cases.

2. Training modules need to be created for officials and coaches addressing sensitivity.
  - a. Sensitivity, awareness, non-bias focus, and accountability
  - b. Check with safe schools for training options

#### WIAA/WOA Fee Review

1. Committee will recommend to the WIAA Executive Board an increase in Officials Fees starting in the Fall of 2017:  
Middle Level \$1.00  
Junior Varsity \$1.00  
Varsity \$2.00
2. Action will be taken recommend at the January Executive Board meeting.

**Next Meeting set (tentatively) for February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**