

WIAA/WOA RTO Advisory Meeting

10-4-16

Group Members:

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Jim Piccolo, District 1 Director

Terry Becksted, 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 Becksted, Jim Piccolo, 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.

With the successful approval of the Measurable RTO Goals by both WOA and WIAA, the group focused time on the process of implementation and clarification of goal #6.

- A. Recommend amending WIAA handbook 21.8 and 21.9 from recommend to required/expected (6.a).
 1. WOA rep should be given a scripted summary that includes scheduling issues and points of emphasis (6.a, 6.b).
 2. League Presidents need to put the invitation out to local associations.
 3. WIAA District Boards need hold leagues accountable for this seasonal practice
- B. Consistent WIAA District and WOA Association representation should be mandatory at the Annual WOA Regional meetings (6.c).
- C. Emphasize the development of behavioral expectations for coaches, players, adult fans as part of the WIAA Healthy Culture campaign. Introduce and encourage implementation at the 2017 Fall Workshops (6.d).

- D. Survey/questionnaire should be utilized by schools/leagues to provide feedback from officials as it relates to the Healthy Culture campaign by 2018(6.f).
- E. Schools and Associations need to increase efforts to connect future officials with quality leadership and guidance at the local level. An effort to encourage these relationships will be goal for both associations in 2017(6.a,b,e,g) . Tim and Terry will work to come up with a viable plan towards completing this goal.
- F. Districts have wide range of possibilities to offer tickets/passes to officials. Jim Piccolo will review his and other Districts (4) strategies with the other District Directors (6.h).
- G. Fall Workshop will include WOA section to review a variety of topics such as Arbiter, Scheduling, managing expectations, and the introduction to many of the measurable goals of the RTO (6.a,b,c,g).

Todd reviewed the work to date on the RTO Goals 1-5.

WOA has implemented additional requirements in order for an official to be eligible to work the postseason in football, volleyball and soccer. The additional requirements have been created and approved by the sport-specific RTO Committees. One of the requirements incorporates the RTO-Approved Rubric, so all officials completing the requirements will have an understanding of the rubric, as well as how to effectively use the information for self-evaluation/improvement.

The sport-specific committees continue to work with the local associations to select a liaison to assist in the implementation of the program.

WIAA Handbook needs to handbook needs to be updated. Most of the section needs an overhaul but specifically 21.7 needs language changed to reflect the official's requirements for post season.