

# Mentor Newsletter

December 2020



## Note from the Co-Directors:

We continue to refine the WWE (WSSAAA Wednesday Extension) to meet the needs of athletic directors across the state. This has provided a forum with a consistent flow of information for athletic directors and leagues.

### *WWE format:*

- Immediately following each regularly scheduled WIAA/WSSAAA Wednesday, the WSSAAA Mentor co-directors will host a WWE for approximately 1 hour.
- The WSSAAA Mentor staff will schedule and host WWE Follow Up from 8-9:30 am on the 'other' Wednesdays each month.

### *December's schedule will be:*

- December 2: WIAA/WSSAAA Wednesday starting at 8am followed by WWE
- December 9: WWE - Follow Up 8:00 –9:30am
- December 16: WIAA/WSSAAA Wednesday starting at 8am followed by WWE
- December 23: WWE - *Tentatively* scheduled for 8:00-9:30am

*Look for registration emails for each of these dates.*

## Document(s) of the Month:

*From Robert Blackman, Athletic Director, Mark Morris HS*

### A). Sample Uniform Rotation Schedule

Here is a resource to use to track your uniform rotation schedule.

### B). Sample Email Regarding WIAA Scholastic Requirements

This is a great sample of what to communicate to your coaches regarding academic eligibility

## Middle School AD Focus:

*From Pat Round, Athletic Director, Northwood Middle School*

### Tracking Coaches' Certifications

This month's resource comes from Peter Ellis at Sacajawea Middle School in the Greater Spokane Middle Level League. As you prepare for whatever version of sports your school gets to tackle this year, don't be caught with unprepared coaches. Many of us might track coaching certifications and roles via the WIAA website, however, this form provides a quick reference to determine whether your coaches are up-to-date and ready to go. Keep it simple with a "check-the-box" system or up your game a little and put the dates of completion or renewal.

## Webinar /Video of the Month:

### "Meet the Group"

The content is a satirical look at early sports specialization. Coaches have found it to be spot on and there is a place for humor in this profession.

## TIP(S) OF THE MONTH: (From Robert Blackman)

The WIAA- WSSAAA AD TOOLBOX <https://www.wiaawssaaatoolbox.com/> is an invaluable resource for the 1<sup>st</sup> year AD and for the 31<sup>st</sup> year A.D. The toolbox is divided into seventeen categories with 122 resources readily available for any A.D. to access. The categories are arranged alphabetically beginning with BUDGETS, ASB and ending with TITLE IX COMPLIANCE. The large majority of the resources are either in EXCEL, PUBLISHER or WORD. However, in the PODCAST category there are six podcasts presented by Cole Kanyer with AD's from around the state of Washington, and in the ONLINE LEARNING/RESOURCES category the eighteen well received WSSAAA Wednesday's are available for viewing. Time management is an opponent to all high school athletic directors. Any time that an A.D. can spend in the WIAA-WSSAAA TOOLBOX (a resource developed by Washington A.D.'s) is time well spent.

**"Never lose hope. Storms make people stronger and never last forever."**

**Roy T. Bennett**