

# Mentor Newsletter

January 2020



## Note from the Co-Directors:

Welcome back and welcome to the new year! We hope that you are becoming a little more comfortable in your position and that you know support is just a phone call or email away. As you prepare for the latter part of the school year, please remember to access the valuable WSSAAA Toolbox for helpful webinars, documents, and checklists to help you along the way. Have a great start to the New Year!

## **Web Video:**

The following video includes discussion about the RPI process and State Basketball info.

## **RPI & State BB**

## **WIAA Rule of the Month: Jeff Pietz, Lakeside HS**

### **18.25.0 USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

Schools and Districts have adopted their own Athletic/Activity codes and handle discipline differently. Be sure to check with your local Board policy regarding specific disciplinary actions regarding violations.

*\*\*\*Please download the document linked above to read more about member school's responsibility to engage in the reporting process to learn and apply rules to your programs as they are intended.*

## **TIP OF THE MONTH:**

Snow and freezing rain can be bring about questionable conditions during the winter season. One of our legal duties is to provide safe transportation. Be sure to communicate your school district protocol on handling school closures and other similar situations with your coaches and other staff. You want to have a plan ready before issues appear.

## **Document(s) of the Month: From Lance Den Boer, Athletic Director, Kiona-Benton City High School**

In the December newsletter, information regarding Emergency Action Plans were provided. Here is another example of a simplified EAP. The courts want to know that coaches/AD's have been proactively thinking and have a documented plan in place before an emergency occurs.

- **Emergency Action Plan**

Transporting athletes is more than just riding the bus to and from activities. This sample document allows coaches to track all their athletes after each time they board the bus to make sure everyone is there and also provides a place for parents to sign their kids out from the contests.

- **Travel Roster**

## **WSSAAA Mentors**

### **Co-Directors:**

Jeff Pietz, Lakeside (9 Mile) HS

Jeff Lowell, Bellevue SD

### **District Mentors:**

1: Don Beazizo, B-E SD

2: Lance Gatter, Inglemoor HS

3: Lauren McDaniel, Klahowya Sec. School

4: Robert Blackman, Mark Morris HS

5: Lance DenBoer, Kiona-Benton HS

6: Loren Sandhop, Moses Lake HS

7: Ryan Peplinski, St. Georges School

8: Paul Manfred, Gonzaga Prep HS

9: Toddette McGreevy, Pomeroy HS

**Monthly Quote: "The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves." - Ray Kroc**