

Mentor Newsletter

March 2021



Note from the Co-Directors:

As leagues and schools dive into the planning of the long-awaited proposed 2020-21 sports seasons, collaborative work with colleagues is more important than ever. The WWE (WSSAAA Wednesday Extension) is a great resource to meet the needs of athletic directors across the state. The WWE provides a forum with a consistent flow of information for athletic directors and leagues.

March's WSSAAA Wednesday and WWE schedule will be:

- March 3: WIAA/WSSAAA Wednesday starting at 8am
- March 10: WWE - Follow Up 8:00 –9:30am
- March 17: WIAA/WSSAAA Wednesday starting at 8am
- March 24: WWE - Follow Up 8:00 –9:30am
- March 31 - TBA

Look for registration emails for each of these dates.

Document(s) of the Month:

From Ryan Peplinski Athletic Director, Saint George's School

Season 1 is here!!!

The last time I wrote for the WSSAAA Newsletter, we cancelled sports and in person learning about a week later and now we are almost a year down the road finally starting back up. I'm hoping this newsletter ages better than last year's. We are hyper-focused on our COVID protocols and rightfully so, but make sure you are prepared on all fronts.

- A). **Thoughts from an AD in the Middle of the Night** - some thoughtful advice from a veteran AD.
- B). **Bus Seating Chart** - a template to use to track bus seating charts
- C). **Covid Practice Plan** - a sample practice plan with sections to document absences and/or Covid tracing notes

Middle School AD Focus:

From Pat Round, Athletic Director, Northwood Middle School

Attestation Check

As you head into whatever your first "Season" of athletics entails, here are some practical forms to help your coaches out. The first link is a daily attestation check-in for athletes that are coming to school on a non-cohort or "off" day. If you want to make life easy for your coaches, pre-load the names from your registration.

Locker Room Rosters

The second resource is a locker room rotation list that keeps athletes in the same group each day when entering the locker room and assigns them to specific changing spots in the locker room. In addition, there are some general locker room protocols to help coaches manage. Have your leadership class make signs to help remind students and coaches about the expectations. Post them on the doors and in the locker room.

Locker Room Protocols

Some general rules that could be a useful resource

Webinar /Video of the Month:

"WSSAAA Wednesday 2/17/21"

NFHS, Russ Waterman, WIAA Staff

TIP(S) OF THE MONTH: (From Jeff Pietz, Lakeside HS)

When you hit a point when you are feeling overwhelmed with all the responsibilities of your position, take a moment to remember all those student-athletes' lives you affect both directly and indirectly with your work. They truly appreciate all you do.

