

Mentor Newsletter

October 2020



Note from the Co-Directors:

Please considering joining one of a WWE this month to discuss this month's topic: "How to Connect & Motivate Your Coaches & Athletes During This Time" This round-table style discussion is a 30-45 minute ZOOM meetings open to all AD's (new and veteran) around the state. AD's can attend any and all the WWE's and is not limited to your own District. You can find the link listing the Mentors' meetings here:
[The WWE \(2020-21\)](#) (weeks of Oct 8-14 & Oct. 21-28)

WIAA Rule of the Month:

Coaching Requirements 20.4.7

Before the beginning of the third (3rd) year of coaching, a member school coach (paid or volunteer) must complete a school district approved Coaching Principles training that requires a minimum of five (5) hour of instruction...(cont.)...After initial completion, coaches will be required to repeat this training ever three (3) years...(cont.)...

As your first sports season of the year may not begin until Dec 28th, this would be an opportune time to audit your coaches training to make sure all meet standard. These standards may be met by:

- completing the NFHS Coaches Fundamentals Course
- attend all sessions of the WIAA Coaches School (need min. of 5)
- attend other Coaches School as approved by WIAA or local school district

The WIAA hosted their Coaches School via Zoom this past summer and over 1500+ attended. They are reopening "Coaches School 2.0" on around Oct. 1 and will remain open through Nov. 30th. Visit the WIAA website for more information and be on the lookout for emails from WIAA with details about this opportunity!

Document(s) of the Month:

From Lance Gatter Athletic Director, Inglemoor HS

- A). Athletic Eligibility Letter: A sample letter given to student athletes who become ineligible due to grades.
- B). The Five-Minute "Fly-By": A great reminder to keep posted near your desk as a gentle reminder to build relationships.

Webinar /Video of the Month:

- Relationships in Education:
Everybody Needs a Champion

TIP(S) OF THE MONTH:

Be deliberate with the WIAA handbook. Pick a different section once a month and review it. Maybe one month is student eligibility 18.0 and the next month is Sport General rules 17.0. What will happen is as a situation comes up you will remember and be able to refer to the handbook for guidance. Becoming familiar with the handbook is a valuable tool for you as an Athletic Director.

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

MS: Pat Round, Northwood MS

"When everything seems to be against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." - Henry Ford