

Mentor Newsletter

October 2022



Note from the Director:

As the year rolls along, it is important for athletic directors to ensure they update their membership in WSSAAA. Membership comes with many benefits, including : ***Death and Dismemberment Insurance, \$1,000,000 Commercial General Liability Insurance , Discount to State Conference , Free Admission WIAA State Tournaments, Free Clock Hours, access to the online WSSAAA Magazine, AMP (member) data-base access which assists in efforts to communicate with other AD's.***

Contact [Dave or Cindy Tikker](#) with membership questions.

Mentor Highlight: Leave a Footprint

Mentors are hearing the same story across the state: "I took the job...and there was nothing left here for me." Starting a job with no historical documents is a monumental task. For **all athletic administrators**, it is essential to save documents and provide a road map for those who follow. This is one way we provide stability at our schools. For those **who are seeking documents**, please take advantage of WSSAAA's **AD Toolbox**, a great resource for new and veterans alike.

Fall Post Season: For those who will host post season events, please reach out early to your league and WIAA District leadership to ensure you understand any differences that will need to be implemented (different ticket prices, passes allowed, rate of pay for workers, etc.) Plan ahead to ensure your events are run professionally and without issue.

Open Gym: WIAA Rule 17.8.0

While building open gym opportunities for your students, it is important to follow guidelines included in the applicable WIAA rule. In addition, it is recommended that athletic administrators contact their risk management company to discuss registration and clearance procedures for student participants in these opportunities. It is also important to have an attendance process for these events.

WIAA Updates:

10/3/22: Winter Sports Clinics go live
10/14/22: Proposed Amendments due
10/21/22: Fall Scholastic Awards due
10/26/22: WIAA Wednesday
10/31/22: First day for Comp Cheer and Bowling

TIP OF THE MONTH:

The WIAA staff continues to post the recordings of all AD trainings and meetings they host through the year. These recordings can be found on the MyWIAA site under the [AD drop down menu](#).

WIAA AD Checklist:

A reminder for AD's that this comprehensive [checklist](#) is an invaluable resource that can save time and head off problems each month.

WSSAAA Mentors

Director: [Jeff Lowell](#), Bellevue SD

District Mentors:

- 1: [Chad Larsen](#), Bellingham HS
- 2: [Lance Gatter](#), Inglemoor HS
- 3: [Lauren McDaniel](#), Central Kitsap S.D.
- 4: [Robert Blackman](#): Mark Morris HS
- 5: [Lance DenBoer](#), Zillah School District
- 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

Monthly Spotlight– Middle School Professional Development: MS Mentor Rep [Pat Round](#) of Northwood MS, has worked diligently with WSSAAA and the WIAA to schedule and staff a one-day MS athletic administrator workshop. The workshop is intended to focus on areas of emphasis specific to the middle school athletic administrator experience. The workshop is scheduled for November 14. If you are interested in attending, contact [Pat Round](#) directly.