

Mentor Newsletter

September 2020



Note from the Co-Directors:

Welcome to the world of athletic department leadership! In this unusual time of COVID-19, there is a learning curve for all Athletic Directors across the state, so please know that we are all in this together. These monthly newsletters are quick reads with valuable insight and information from fellow AD's. The wealth of resources will prove to be invaluable as we navigate through this 2020-21 year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to a mentor at any time!

WIAA Update:

WSSAAA Wednesdays: The WIAA and WSSAAA have partnered to provide "WSSAAA Wednesdays" for all Athletic Administrators and Coaches. These dynamic, informational presentations will be held via ZOOM. Be on the look out for emails from WIAA and/or WSSAAA for registration links to the ZOOM meetings. Dates are currently set for: Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16 from 8:00-9:00 am.

WSSAAA Wednesdays Extension (WWE): New this year, the Mentors will be hosting 30-45 minute ZOOM meetings open to all AD's around the state to discuss a topic of the month, aligning to those brought up in the monthly WSSAA Wednesdays. AD's can attend any and all the WWE's and is not limited to your own District. This is a great opportunity to gather in a round-table format and share ideas! You can find the link listing the Mentors' meetings here: [The WWE \(2020-21\)](#)

Document(s) of the Month:

From Don Beazizo, Athletic Director, Burlington-Edison SD

- A). [Gym Manager Duties](#): A simple checklist for game days
- B). [Spring Break Contact List](#): To send out to opponents prior to spring break for contact information
- C). [School Sports Recruiting Poster](#): Sample to use prior to the start of each sport season

Webinar /Video of the Month:

In these challenging times, we are all faced with adversity. Here is a great video that offers inspiration and a message how to help deal with adversity: <https://tinyurl.com/yxtc4cwn>

Attention Middle School AD's:

Hi, my name is **Pat Round** and I am the new WSSAAA mentor for middle school athletic directors. I have been teaching and coaching at Northwood Middle School in the Mead School District in Spokane for 20 years and I am in my 5th year as an athletic director. I also am one of three MS AD's on the WSSAAA Executive Board. WIAA and WSSAAA are continuing to provide opportunities for a middle school voice at the table. My goal is to make connections and build resources for all of our MS AD's in Washington State. Please reach out and introduce yourself, ask questions, or shout out ideas. I'm excited about this role and look forward to assisting and learning from our middle school AD's from around the state.

TIP(S) OF THE MONTH:

During this pandemic and even more so your coaches need to stay connected with their athletes. It is a challenging time we are currently living in and nothing is no more important right now than staying connected. Here is an article from Positive Coaching Alliance that you can forward to your coaching staff to be sure they stay connected. <https://tinyurl.com/yxs2btmk>

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

"It might be stormy now, but rain doesn't last forever" - Unknown