

**WEST COAST OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BASKETBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**



Meeting Date: October 6, 2024
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting Open to All Members
Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting Link
Present: Eric Sperbeck, Bernard Grimsley, Rodney Dickerson, Jerome Smith, Remero Green,
Richard Miller
Absent: Josh Saunders

- I. The meeting was called to order by Eric at 7:15 pm.
- II. FHSAA Meeting Notes Presented by Eric
 - a. FHSAA reiterated the importance of the AT6 report.
 - i. Officials need to remember the AT6 is a public document and we need to be mindful of what the form contains.
 - ii. Any time you have a game issue that requires an AT6, ensure you contact Eric Sperbeck or any board member to review the content and completion. This process is for the officials benefit just as much as WCOA's benefit.
 - b. New rules released by NFHSAA.
 - i. Delay of game rule for not returning ball to official.
 - ii. Blood on uniform or on the player.
 - iii. Beckoning coach for injured player.
 - iv. Shot clock utilization. If the home team requests it, then it will be used.
 - v. Flopping rule. Eric mentioned there will be specific training at the clinic.
- III. Jackets and Uniforms:
 - a. Eric reminded members that we changed the pre-game uniform requirement to solid black jacket with WCOA logo (Previously a gray pullover).
 - b. Jackets are part of the uniform and mandatory.
 - c. Eric reviewed several different locations where members can get the new black jacket.
 - d. If all the crew still has the gray, the crew is permitted to use the gray if agreed by all.
 - e. Dress Code for Games: Eric reminded members that FHSAA schools are required to provide adequate dressing rooms and water for games.

- f. It is acceptable to wear appropriate sweatpants for games. In general, “business casual” attire is the most appropriate dress for games.

IV. Arbiter:

- a. Eric reminded members to keep their Arbiter account up to date with game availability.
- b. Remember to monitor your emails for updates.

V. Miscellaneous:

- a. Eric communicated that all FHSAA memberships will also receive free membership to NFHS Network. You will receive the details after registering with FHSAA.
- b. The training committee will have test preparation after the test is released. Bernard Grimsley confirmed that test prep will occur twice a week until the Berkley full day clinic is held. Sunday and Wednesday nights will be the test prep days.
- c. Bernard Grimsley informed members that there will likely be scrimmage opportunities at the Berkley all day clinic.
- d. Richard Miller communicated that the Evaluations Committee is working hard to ensure people get the opportunity to be evaluated. Members are encouraged to reach out to Richard or any member of the Evaluations Committee with questions.
- e. Jerome Smith reminded members that training is available during scrimmages and evaluation sessions.
- f. Carl Erickson communicated that middle school playoffs will likely be re-scheduled due to weather. He also reviewed several assignment dates and encouraged members to keep their schedules available if they want games. Middle school games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- g. Eric reminded members that with the increased pay rates for games comes additional accountability/responsibility. Make sure we are arriving at the games on time and representing WCOA in a positive light.

VI. Eric opened the meeting up for questions:

- a. A member asked for clarification whether schools using the shot clock will provide the trained individual to manage the shot clock. Eric stated that he will get more details on this and encouraged members to become familiar with the shot clock rules.
- b. A member expressed concern that new officials aren’t getting communication for scrimmages and general communication. Eric reminded new members and old members to help share communication outside of the email thread and Facebook posts.

- c. A member asked about receiving the new rule books. Eric stated that the new books would be distributed at the Berkley clinic day.
- d. A question was posted about ECO registration with FHSAA. Rodney reminded Electronic Clock Operators that they still need to register with FHSAA. However, they don't need to take the test to become a licensed official.
- e. A member asked when the scrimmages will be posted. Eric communicated that they are posted as soon as the schools give them to him.

Eric ended the meeting at 8:05 pm and the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

First Sunday of each month. (Tentatively November 3, 2024)

PREPARED BY

Steve Lanham, Secretary