

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



Meeting Date: November 2, 2025

Type of Meeting Board of Directors Meeting, followed by a member meeting.

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting Link

Present: Eric Sperbeck, Jerome Smith, Rodney Dickerson, Mark Olson, Romero Green, Julia Gonzalez, Richard Miller, Nolan Padgett Sr., Josh Saunders,

Absent:

- I. The meeting called to order by Eric at 7:33.
- II. Eric expressed appreciation and gratitude for the Saturday camp.
 - a. Special thanks to the evaluators, Training Committee and Hospitality Committee for their efforts.
 - b. Richard Miller recommended that given the number of people, we should give the Evaluators the time to give more feedback after a game.
 - c. Jerome Smith reinforced that there was shot clock training for those that attended.
- II. Miscellaneous:
 - a. We are seeing an increase in schools interested in the shot clock. Eric reminded members to review the shot clock rules and ensure you are up to date on them.
 - b. Eric reminded members of the rule change update for determining the designated thro-in spot following stoppage of play. Instead of relying on an imaginary line, officials now use the three-point line to determine the location. Review the Rules Book for specific details.
 - c. Hillsborough county has informed WCOA that presentation of JLA cards/credentials will be necessary to officiate games. Eric directed members to contact Julia Gonzalez or Brett if they don't have the JLA credential. Electronic Clock Operators are also required to have the JLA credential. Please ensure you have your JLA cards with you when going to your games. Julia confirmed that the JLA card needed is the yellow card, not white. The yellow Level II screening card (commonly called the JLA card) and blue Contractor card are required.
 - d. Scrimmages: Plant High School requested officials for a scrimmage at 5:30 on November 7th. Eric requested participation for those that are interested. Eric will send out an Arbiter blast with specific information. Eric confirmed that members can wear shorts to this contest.

- e. Mark Olson reminded members to post a professional picture, phone number and email address in their Arbiter account. He reminded members that this is the way fellow members confirm game assignments.
- f. Pre-game Jackets. Cindy LeVertu confirmed that jacket orders will be arriving in 3 weeks. A new supplier had to be obtained.
- g. Eric confirmed that Nolan will be sending pre-season games. So, watch your Arbiter and keep your schedule up to date.
- h. Mike Conners reviewed rule changes for the 2025-2026 season:
 - i. Goaltending video was presented and will be posted on the WCOA Facebook page.
 - ii. Resumption of play, throw in criteria was reviewed. The 3 point line will now be used to determine which of the 4 spots will be used.
 - iii. Throw in provision. This year, a player that deceitfully fails to return to the floor and is the first to touch the ball is considered to have committed a violation. It's no longer a technical foul. If the thrower doesn't gain an advantage, then no violation has occurred.
 - iv. Basket interference video was presented. Basket interference now occurs when a player slaps or strikes the backboard, causing the backboard or basket to vibrate, while the ball is on or within the basket, touching the backboard or within the cylinder.
 - v. When a player attempts a pass from behind the 3-point line and its deflected into the basket, it is counted as a 2-point basket and not 3 points. It doesn't matter whether an offensive player or defensive player deflects the pass.
- i. Eric reminded members that no jewelry should be worn by players or officials. Only exception is medical or religious reasons.
- j. Let Eric know if you have issues or concern with team uniforms.
- k. Eric reminded members to report all ejections to him or a board member before leaving the locker room.
- l. Eric reminded members that Hillsborough County public schools are required to wear mouth guards. This is regardless of what county they are playing in. Invisalign is not a mouth guard. Eric clearly said that the school is not permitted to play without mouth guards. Let Eric know if you are getting pushback from any school on mouth guards.
- m. Playoff Crew Criteria Development Update:
 - i. Main criteria for playoff crew is performance,
 - ii. Board voted that 90% score on FHSA test must be achieved to be on a top 6 crew,

- iii. Members must work at least 12 games with WCOA to be considered for a playoff crew,
- iv. The criteria continues to be developed.

Eric adjourned the meeting at 8:21.

NEXT MEETING First Sunday of each month.

PREPARED BY: Steve Lanham, Secretary