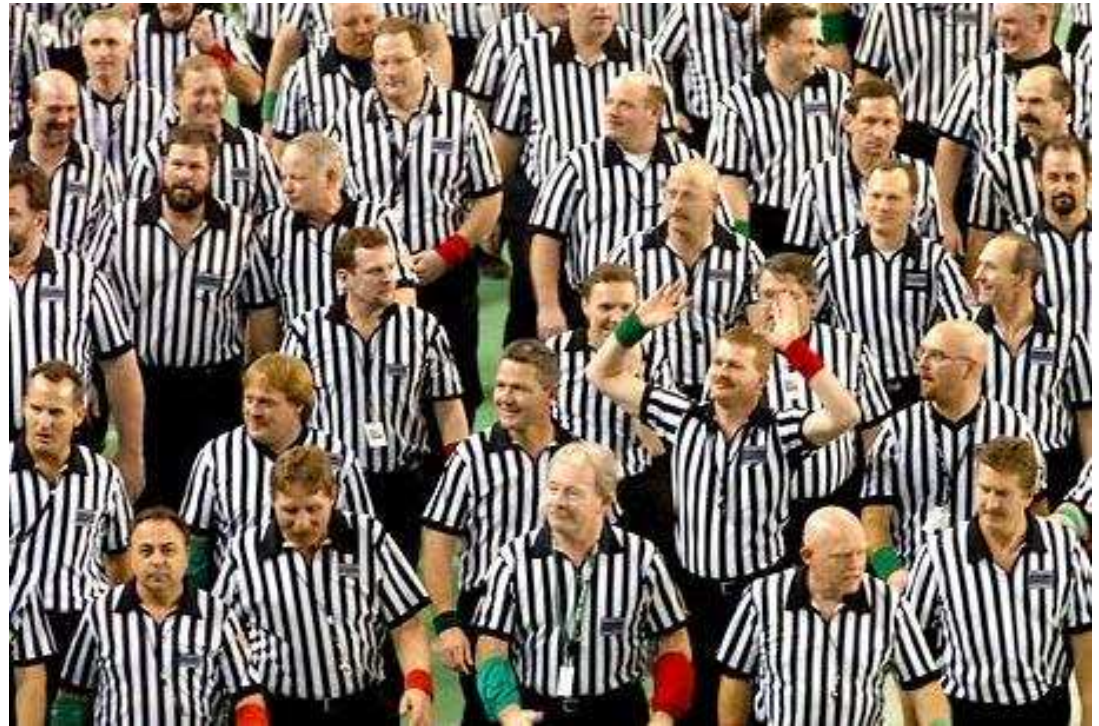


PNWOWA Training

Professionalism

Definition



Professionalism:

Professional status, methods, character or standards.

Goal = Serve the sport with the highest standards today and beyond

Points of Comparison

Lawyers

- NY State Bar Association Rules of Professional Conduct = 271 pages



Doctors

- Physicians Charter of Professional Standards



Plumbers

- Code of Professional Standards



NFHS Officials Code of Ethics

(Rules Book, page 85)

Key points:

- ***Master the rules***
- ***Work cooperatively***
- ***Uphold honor and dignity***
- ***Prepared***
- ***Punctual***
- ***Mindful of influence***
- ***Aware of risks***
- ***Recognition of emergency conditions***



The referee notices everything but is seldom noticed. (Case Manual p. 66)

How Does It Apply To Us?

Master the Rules:

- Read the Rules Book – **completely**
- Understand the underlying principles
- Study the Case Manual



Work Cooperatively:

- PNWOA meetings
- Discussions and feedback at events
- WA Wrestling Report (members4.boardhost.com/usaeverett/index.html)
- NFHS Forum (www.nfhs.org/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=forum;f=17)
- The Mat Forum (www.thematforums.com/myforum)



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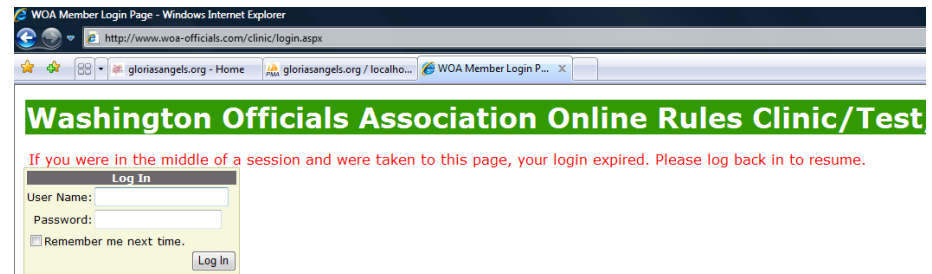
Uphold Honor and Dignity:

- You represent ALL officials
- Calm and cool during interactions
- Promote NFHS Codes of Ethics



Prepared:

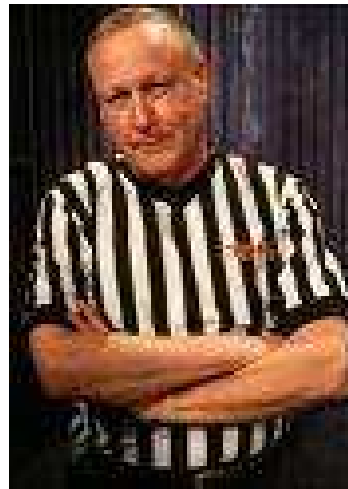
- Online clinic and rules test
- Proper uniform and equipment
- Physical conditioning
- Mental conditioning



How Does It Apply To Us?

Punctual:

- Confirm with the school in advance
- Be on time – but be professional regardless
- Fully leverage Arbiter



Mindful of influence:

- “...participants in the educational development of high school students.”
- Wrestlers, coaches, other officials & spectators take their cues from you

How Does It Apply To Us?

Aware of risks:

- Think safety during pre-meet duties
- Balance safety with the nature of our sport



Recognition of emergency conditions:

- Be proactive – clarify roles with site administrators during pre-meet
- Primary focus on competition, but keep radar up for emergencies

Let's Talk About It

1. What steps do you take to master the rules?
2. What ways do you promote for working together as officials?
3. How have you advocated for fellow officials? Any examples of regrets?
4. How do you prepare for the season? For an individual event?
5. How do you ensure you fulfill your commitments?
6. How have you been a positive influence? A negative one?
7. Have you ever eliminated a significant safety risk prior to an event? Or missed one?