

Post Season Newsletter
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This is just a quick end of season update for all of you. Hopefully your season went well and you are still coaching into the post season.

There are some changes at the state meet this year. Some you shouldn't notice, but others that may have an impact. There should be more sanikans at the start, and meet management is looking at the course to ensure adequate flagging and accuracy. As you probably already know, John Crawford has stepped down from the overall meet management duties and is primarily handling the results and registration. He has also stepped in and helped out with some of the athletic.net registration for the various district meets. As a district meet director myself, I can say that his help has been greatly appreciated.

Another change has to do with the team dinner and coaches meeting the night before. In the past, there has been a team dinner and entertainment program for the athletes at the Red Lion. The meet management and WSCCCA have had a meeting in the past at the Red Lion. John would usually share any changes, take questions, and talk a bit about the meet. The WSCCCA would then have a membership meeting in which we would cover association matters and honor our Coaches of the Year and Hall of Fame members. The WIAA and meet management have decided not to continue with the informational meeting that they have held in the past. The state meet website says that there will not be a formal coaches meeting prior to the state event. ***However, there still will be a formal Washington State Cross Country Coaches association meeting at the Red Lion on Friday night.*** We felt that this was still the best time to honor our Coaches of the Year, introduce our Hall of Fame inductees, and communicate with you about any topics, issues, or concerns you may have. Since we are hosting the meeting on our own, we have to pay some big bucks for the meeting room. Please support your association by attending the meeting. We fell it's important, we hope you do too. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 at the Red Lion. However, we are flexible. If you think the meeting should be earlier (or later), please e-mail me with your thoughts ASAP. Send your e-mail to jclark@watfxc.com & jclark@cloverpark.k12.wa.us Meeting information will be posted on the WATFXC.com website.

When you are making your plans for state, consider dinner for you and your athletes. Since there will not be an athlete dinner and activity at the Red Lion this year, it is likely that there will be several hundred more athletes out on the town for dinner. Make sure you plan accordingly. John Crawford's website has a nice listing of restaurants.

Finally, over the course of the season there have been some questions on athlete participation in invitational meets, post season definitions, varsity and junior varsity rosters etc. We will be working with the WIAA in the off season to answer these and any other questions you may have. Certainly it is your responsibility to know the rules. But questions do arise. Our job is to act as a liaison between the coaches and WIAA to make sure your questions are answered and keep us all on the same page.

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