

FOR: CWOA Area Directors and Work Session Leaders

FROM: CWOA Executive Committee and Bernie Goss

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SUBJECT: State Law and CHSAA By-Law Reminder

This memo is coming to ask you for your help! Soon we will begin hosting work sessions across the state. We ask you to remind our referees that both a state law and a CHSAA By-law impact them directly.

All school real property and facilities are "Tobacco Free" zones **REGARDLESS** of what type of tobacco is being consumed. Smokers and chewers alike are covered by these two constraints. Please take a moment during all work sessions to remind our fellow officials that they are subjected to this state law and by-law in all school settings. It applies to the regular school day as well as school sponsored events such as wrestling meets.

Violators can expect to be handed disciplinary action which at a minimum will eliminate their opportunities to officiate matches for a specified amount of time. This option is not fun for anyone! We already know from first hand experience in the area.

A general statement would be "There is absolutely zero tolerance for either tobacco or alcohol consumption when adults interact with student athletes"! Just a word to share with the wise.

Thanks for your help on this ever existent issue.