



Leave of Absence Policy

To ensure GSVO maintains its mission of providing qualified officials for member schools, the WIAA, and recreational programs in the Puget Sound area, officials who are requesting or returning from a Leave of Absence (LOA) must adhere to the following policy:

Requesting an LOA

An official must submit a request for an LOA via email to the President, Vice President, and Assignor by August 1st of the upcoming season. Each request will expire August 1st of the following year, at which time the official may renew the request or return from the LOA.

Returning from an LOA

To be reinstated, the returning official must meet the following requirements for the current season:

Mandatory

- Fulfill the requirements of an Individual Member (see By-Laws)
- Complete the WOA rules test and achieve the required passing grade
- Complete all WOA and WIAA clinics
- Complete an on-court observation

Optional

- Attend training sessions

Tier placement of a returning official will depend on the following factors:

- Length of the LOA
- Rated level at the time of the LOA
- Rule changes during the LOA
- Meeting the applicable Tier requirements (see current Tier Rating Definition document)

Board members responsible for completing tasks for returning officials includes but is not limited to Training Coordinator, Ratings and Evaluations chair, and Assignor or designee.