

2017-2018 WIBCA Year in Review

The recent school calendar year was again another successful one for WIBCA and its member coaches and student-athletes. First, a little background of WIBCA. We were founded in 1974, WIBCA, Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association, is the main association of high school boys' basketball coaches from across the state of Washington. We are a non-profit organization and are under the umbrella of the Washington State Coaches Association. Year-round the number of events, activities, and awards that WIBCA sponsors continues to grow and grow, all in the name of providing services and benefits to our member coaches and their student-athletes. Some of the past years highlights include our six All State Games, Northwest Shootout Game and our annual Hall of Fame inductions. For the first time in our history at our All State games, we did not charge any of our 60 participants a fee to play in the games. Our Northwest Shootout team was successfully put together with 10 of the top Washington seniors but lost a heartbreaking close game. This year's hall of fame inductions recognized three head coaches, one assistant coach and three individuals each for their service and dedication to the sport of boys' basketball in the great state of Washington including our new Pat Fitterer "You Gotta Love it" award. In July, WIBCA sent a group of four board members to the National High School Basketball Coaches Association meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana. For the past eight years WIBCA has seen their membership in this association grow and also their role as a leading state association nationally. WIBCA provided two quality clinics this year, one in the fall and one in the spring for coaches to increase their professional development while also having great opportunity for coaching collaboration and collegial time. Our coaches across the state again stepped up and promoted our WIBCA vs. Cancer week at the end of January. Our donation total continues to grow and grow and we are moving close to the \$700,000 mark! WIBCA saw record sponsorship and because of this was able to continue offering two \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors. Our spring saw again the 16th Annual Showcase for 160 basketball players in our state. College coaches from the Pacific Northwest came to watch and evaluate these players. Also at this year's Showcase, WIBCA again promoted our Dribble, Shoot, Swish event that gave young people the opportunity to win money but more importantly to increase that by making a charitable donation on their behalf with their initial winnings. WIBCA is very proud of what we do for coaches and humbled by the participation and support for our association. Over the past 44 years WIBCA has grown and grown into the great association we are today and with another great year next year an even better one in the future.