

## Making a training film

by Jerry Grunski

"Everybody and his brother," as the saying goes, owns a video camera nowadays and has the basic expertise to use it.

Associations would be well-advised to take advantage of this phenomenon and plan to develop a video that illustrates both fundamental and sophisticated techniques for officials under live game conditions. It would require just a little preparation and some exacting execution.

I'll use football as an example, because that's the game I know best from an officiating standpoint. But I've worked both baseball and basketball too, and with a little modification the same approach could work for those and for other sports as well. In fact, any sport which requires officials to move in order to cover game action (probably ruling out such stationary roles as volleyball and tennis judges), can be adapted to the practices I'll suggest.

For instance, in baseball, if you

wished to record coverage of bases and runners, you'd want to restrict camera coverage to times when the ball is "in play," either off the bat or on throws. But you'd also gain an advantage by employing more than one camera trained on the respective umpires, one stationed behind third base and another near first. In basketball you'd want to stop the filming during most free throws and record officials' movements only while the ball is alive on the floor. Again, more than one camera is going to be a bonus for what I will describe.

A worthwhile training film will consist of three essential elements: a perspective of the WHOLE game itself, exclusive focus on the official(s), and instructive commentary by an analyst who has reviewed minute aspects of the coverage. This last item may be the most critical of all, because

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## Independent contractor bill AB1655 moving through Calif. legislature

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 17 unanimously approved AB1655, a bill granting independent contractor status to sports officials working interscholastic and intercollegiate sports in California. This action sends the bill before a full vote of the full California Assembly.

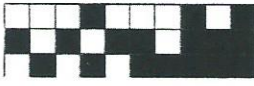
"Our little train just keeps rolling," said attorney Don Collins, a San Francisco basketball referee and one of the bill's chief proponents. "Before two Assembly Committees now, Insurance and Appropriations, and we've passed unanimously in both. There were (some people) in the beginning who were reluctant to take our bill

seriously, but now I'd say this bill is very credible."

The bill, authored by Democratic Assemblyman Thomas Hannigan of Fairfield, should resolve ongoing disputes between sports officials associations and the state's Employment Development Department (EDD). In recent years the EDD had conducted audits of several sports officials associations in the state and found them to be operating as "employers" and subject to paying back unemployment insurance premiums.

Rod Bunt, vice president of the Metropolitan Officials Association of

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# N.C. football group honors students with scholarship program

*(Editor's Note: The following item appeared in the Summer 1995 issue of the North Carolina High School Athletic Assn. Bulletin.)*

GREENSBORO — Officials involved with the North Carolina High School Athletic Assn. (NCHSAA) have generally done a great job "giving something back" to the program. For instance, officials have been among the leaders in giving to the NCHSAA Endowment.

The North State Football Officials Assn. (NSFOA) has gone a step beyond just personal generosity and has created a marvelous special program that directly benefits student-athletes in the schools which the NSFOA serves.

This officials' organization initiated a scholarship program during 1994 and awarded three one-time \$500 scholarships to deserving individuals associated with the football team of the high schools that North State services. It could be a player, manager, trainer, statistician or cheerleader involved with the football program at that school.

"The primary intent of our program was to identify deserving students who might not necessarily otherwise be able financially to attend college," says Len Reynolds, booking agent for the NSFOA.

A portion of the officials' registration fee and the fees received from working pre-season scrimmages funded the program initially, and other types of fund-raising activities are being considered to raise additional moneys for the scholarship fund.

Reynolds indicates that the response to the program has been so positive that the NSFOA plans to award six \$500 scholarships this spring. The

booking association has developed its own nomination process, application information and criteria for selection, and then has a special scholarship committee to review the applications and make the selections

"We are hopeful that other officials' associations might be stimulated to start a similar program of their own," says Reynolds. "We are very pleased to be able to do this."

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Santa Clara, said the EDD "has now dropped all of the more than \$50,000 of assessments made against his 100-member softball umpire association. He reported that his association is now considered by EDD an association of independent contractors.

AB1655 also provides that the EDD will by July 1, 1996, adopt new departmental regulations further removing "employer" of sports officials associations. Jim Jorgensen, commissioner of the Northern California Athletic Conference, another of the bill's three chief proponents, said "we've been invited to participate in the development of the new EDD regulations."

Following Assembly passage, the bill will go to the Senate for further review and potential passage. For more information on the bill, interested parties can contact Bob Summers, 615 John Muir Dr. Apt. 716, San Francisco, Calif. 94132, phone 415/340-6551.

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