

Federal Stimulus Act

How Washington Sports Officials Can Apply

The Washington Employment Security site was updated on Saturday, April 18 to accommodate self-employed and independent contractors to apply for unemployment benefits. We recommend that all spring assigners and certified spring officials look into this unique benefit to see if you qualify and are able to recover some of your lost income. Here are a few tips that will hopefully make the process a little easier for you:

The first step is to file for regular unemployment (even if you are not eligible - they are required by law to verify you are not eligible). **TIP:** Do not list WIAA, WOA or your local association as an employer. Only list your actual employers. If you are currently employed, you may want to let your employer know that they may be contacted, but that you are filing for benefits as an official. Adding 1099 information at this point could cause a delay in processing.

During the time it takes to verify eligibility, you should file your weekly claims.

Once denied, you will receive a notice that you can apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. At this time, you will want to have your 1099 from 2019 available for upload.

In the past, Employment Security has reached out to the WOA to confirm that an official is eligible to work contests. Please make sure you have completed your 2020 spring requirements so that the WOA can confirm that if there were games available, you would be able to work.

For step-by-step instructions and the link to apply, please click on Apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance below:

[**APPLY FOR PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE**](#)