



# Washington State High School Boys Volleyball Association Press Release

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## **2015 Will Be First Official Season of the Association.**

Auburn, WA – Today during the bi-annual board of directors meeting Ballard High School was admitted as the second member school. Mark Prescott, a math teacher at Ballard High School, and Liam Moser, a senior, are credited for putting the club together. On the heels of the admittance of the second volleyball club, the association announced its first season to start in 2015, featuring a seeding tournament in October and the Association's Championship Tournament in November. Brian Boyer, the Commissioner said that other schools could possibly be admitted at the May Board Meeting, but did not give specific details on prospective schools. Also as part of the meeting Mr. Prescott was named to the third board seat.

Ballard High School got its start in the fall of 1901, when the Ballard School District added grades eleven and twelve to the already existing Central School, creating the first four-year high school in the Ballard area. The very small school, soon to be known as Ballard High School, was located at 5308 Tallman Ave. There were three people on the faculty, including the principal, Harry F. Giles. The first graduating class had four members and held its commencement on June 23, 1902. By 1905, enrollment had grown to 80 students. Ballard became part of the city of Seattle in 1907 and the high school became part of the Seattle Public School System. Ballard High School moved to its present location during Christmas vacation 1915. The school could accommodate 1,000 students. Three hundred of them were transferred from Lincoln. The building was remodeled three times, once in 1925, then again in 1941 and for the last time in 1959. At that time, the student body had grown to over 2,000. That structure was demolished the summer of 1997 due to asbestos contamination and was replaced with the current facility. The student body was housed in the old Lincoln High School building during the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years. Lincoln was undergoing a remodel to become a middle school, the students who attended Ballard at Lincoln High had no bells to mark classes, limited classrooms, and cubically separated classrooms in the library and gymnasium facilities for the 1997-98 school year. This was due to the fact half of the facility at Lincoln was still closed for renovations (the half that held the majority of the divided classrooms). Finally in September 1999, Ballard High School returned to 1418 NW 65th St. to occupy a brand new building with the ability to accommodate evolving technology and more than 1,500 students. The Ballard Beavers home is at the Richard N J. Le Gymnasium.<sup>1</sup>

The Washington State High School Boys Volleyball Association is a small non-profit whose goal is to provide world class opportunities for students to participate in interscholastic athletics, focusing on those students who currently do not participate in school athletics. The group was founded in August of 2011.

<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia Foundation, Inc., "Ballard High School (Seattle, Washington), 9 Aug. 2014.  
< [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballard\\_High\\_School\\_\(Seattle,\\_Washington\)>](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballard_High_School_(Seattle,_Washington)>)