 Washington State High School Boys Volleyball Association
Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE…

O'dea High School is the newest member to be added to the WSHSBVA.

Renton, WA – Today during an emergency board of directors meeting O'dea High School out of Seattle, WA was admitted as the fourth member school.   Led by Jose Martin a Spanish teacher for the school, and a former club player at Washington State High School, and supported by both the parents and faculty they were able to form a club. Brian Boyer, the Commissioner had said that other schools could possibly be admitted through a special board meeting, was pleasantly surprised by the addition. "We had been working with O'dea High School for a number of years. The chemistry for a team was just right, and with a school that invests so much in its athletic program, you might say that O'dea could be a crown jewel in our little association just as they are in every other athletic program that they are a part of.

O'Dea High School is a Catholic all boys high school located in Seattle's First Hill neighborhood in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle. The school is named after Edward John O'Dea who was bishop of Seattle when the school was built. Founded in 1923, O'Dea is owned by the Archdiocese of Seattle and run by the Congregation of Christian Brothers. They play at Phil Lumpkin Court named after Phil Lumpkin Court the Head Basketball Coach at O'Dea High School for 18 years. During his tenure, the Fighting Irish basketball team took 15 trips to the State Tournament, including seven trips to the State Finals, and won five State Championships (1992-1993, 1996-1997, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007).

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. Currently it has 4 member schools.