

Mid Suburban League



Basketball Officials Clinic

June 10, 2014

Schaumburg High School



PROFESSIONALISM





BASIC PRINCIPLES

- GOAL SETTING - PERSONAL GROWTH
- FITNESS/HEALTH/APPEARANCE
- CONTRACTING CONTESTS
- RULE KNOWLEDGE & APPLICATION
- RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES



GOAL SETTING - PERSONAL GROWTH

- UNDERSTAND THAT IT TAKES TIME TO MOVE UP
- **ASK QUESTIONS AND FIND A MENTOR**
- SELF EVALUATION IS CRITICAL - WHAT COULD I DO BETTER?



FITNESS/HEALTH/APPEARANCE

- PARTICIPANTS ARE TRAINING YEAR ROUND
- IF YOU ARE INJURED/ILL, DO THE RIGHT THING – THE GAME DESERVES 100%
- LOOK THE PART

OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO LOOK LIKE THIS...





CONTRACTING CONTESTS

- UNDERSTAND ARBITER
- HONOR YOUR CONTRACTS
- BE ORGANIZED - RUN YOUR OFFICIATING LIKE A BUSINESS



RULE KNOWLEDGE

- KNOW AND STUDY THE RULES - FREQUENTLY
- REVIEW ALL RULE CHANGES
- ATTEND ASSOCIATION MEETINGS



RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

- ❑ BE HONEST WITH ALL PARTIES
(COACHES, PARTICIPANTS, PARTNERS,
ASSIGNERS)
- ❑ ADMIT WHEN YOU MADE A MISTAKE -
BUT IF THE MISTAKE KEEPS HAPPENING,
SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE
- ❑ DO NOT BE A SHOWBOAT - THE BEST
OFFICIALS ARE NOT NOTICED.

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE HERE???



TALK ABOUT MAKING A CALL!!!...





DUTIES CONTINUED

- KNOW THE NEW STRATEGIES AND SKILLS BEING USED
- YOUR BEST FRIEND IS YOUR PARTNER(S)
- WATCH WHAT YOU SAY---ALWAYS!
- **NEVER TOUCH A PLAYER!**



FINDERS KEEPERS???

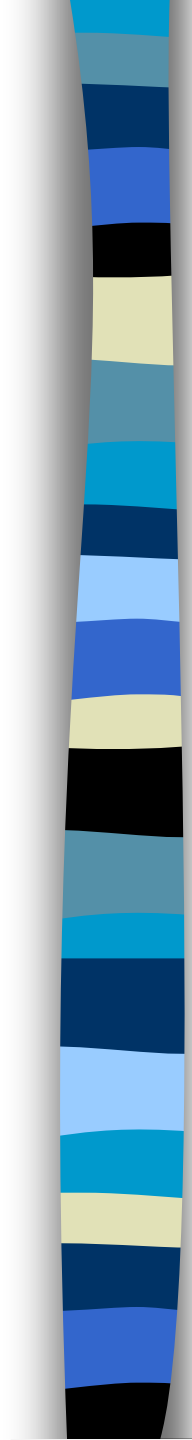
- Freshman official mistakenly takes an officials jacket that belongs to one of the varsity officials. I contact both officials after the game and give them the needed contact info. At 5pm the following afternoon, the varsity official tells me he's called the frosh official three times with no response. I then text the frosh official and tell him again to contact the varsity official. He then does it within five minutes. And this happened on a Saturday/Sunday.

FIRST IMPRESSION...

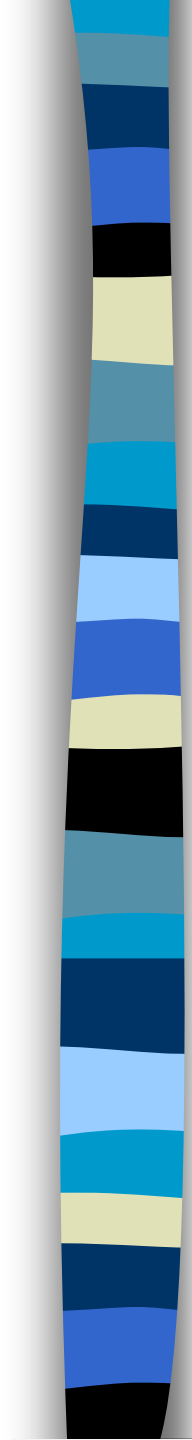
- Boys soph game... Official is the new trail and walks up the floor after a made basket. Ball quickly gets passed a few times and ends up being caught in the frontcourt while this official is no more than three steps off the endline. He calls a travel. Myself and another assignor both saw him walk. Both myself and the other assignor were in the locker room after the game. His first comment was "it was a travel." His second comment was "you must have caught me the only time all night that I was walking."

ON THE PHONE...

Hello Jim. I'm sending you this note on behalf of many of our parents that were down at Rolling Meadows HS last night for our last regular season games of the year. One of our referees did some things that really upset the fans and us coaches, and I'm not talking about bad calls. One of our parents had the foresight to take some pictures which I have attached. The guy was obviously a local and was talking with Rolling Meadows fans like he'd just had dinner with them. He was calling the Rolling Meadows girls by name, and even coaching them at times.



In my opinion, if a referee knows the girls he's reffing, he should disqualify himself from those games. He was eating while he was working, answering his phone and talking to fans while the game was going on. **But the biggest issue I had was that he looked at one of our players at one point and told her she had a big butt and that she should use it to box out.** Later in the game one of my other players put up a three pointer which missed everything, so he went over to our players parents and asked them if they



knew what we call that, and then he yelled so the whole world could hear him, “air ball” several times. That didn’t make the player feel good. Maybe that’s just his personality, or his style, and maybe they’re used to his antics down in Rolling Meadows, but we didn’t think it was funny. I know there’s probably not much that can be done at this point, but I wanted to make sure you knew about this. Thanks.



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS???

