



Tips for Good Officiating

1. Study the rule book so that you will better understand the fundamentals and definitions of the sport.
2. Learning the rules is a continuing process, not a “one-time” goal.
3. Be strong and precise in your mechanics and signals. Practice in the mirror, using only the approved signals from the rules book.
4. Learn to be decisive when making calls. Blow the whistle sharp and loud. Don’t be timid.
5. Look and act the part in your appearance and conduct.
6. Remain tactful and courteous. Avoid confrontations when possible. Remain professional and calm in stressful situations.
7. Do not “show-off” when making calls.
8. Do not be over-sensitive about minor criticism. You must not have “rabbit ears”.
9. Learn to properly use preventive officiating. Anticipate the situation not the call.
10. Call it as you see it, no “make-up” calls.
11. Know the ground rules for each location.
12. Work as a team with the other official(s). He/She is the only friend you have during that game.
13. Always make eye contact with your partner before putting the ball into play and throughout the game.
14. Learn to be consistent while still adjusting to the tempo of the game.
15. Be both mentally and physically prepared.
16. Always keep in mind advantage/disadvantage when making a call.
17. Enjoy yourself. Don’t be afraid to relax and have fun.