

Officiating Tips – Professionalism – We Will Be the Best

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1. **Officiating Reminders: Professional & Pleasant**

Treat all coaches & players with courtesy & respect. Offer brief explanations when necessary. Bring potential problems to the attention of the HC. Notify HC's when it is time to leave the Locker Room at halftime.

2. **Official's Professionalism**

- A. Check the WWW.OHSAAFB.COM website weekly for the latest information.
- B. Read & know the OHSAA Handbook for Officials located on the OHSAA.ORG website (select officiating, then officiating again on the right "pop up" window, then see Resources).
- C. Officials need to be aware that their actions are being observed at all times.
- D. Rules Knowledge: Know the Rules & Officiating Mechanics. Read & study weekly Q's & A's that are on our website. They cover Rules, Mechanics, & Regulations.
- E. An official's personal opinion about a Rule must not have an effect on enforcement of it.
- F. Keep yourself physically & mentally fit. Remember that each year you are a year older & the players are the same age.
- G. Every game we officiate – let's ask each other "how did I do" & "what can I/we do to get better before our next game".
- H. Remember that the "Only Dumb Question Is The One We Do Not Ask".
- I. Always act in a manner to be a worthy example to those for whom & with whom you are working.
- J. Your responsibilities extend to fellow officials & you must work as one member of the officiating team.
- K. Make decisions promptly & fairly based upon the Rules regardless of the school, coach, score, or crowd.
- L. Keep in mind your first Goal is your SAFETY as well as the SAFETY & general welfare of those that you are officiating.
- M. Read & know the OHSAA FB Regulations.
- N. Be systematic, prompt, & business-like in all your dealings.
- O. Honor every contract; even if it means not being able to take a "higher level game" or to travel less miles.
- P. Build a schedule through hard work, dedication, study, reflection, & enthusiasm.
- Q. Wear only the proper uniform. Maintain a neat & credible appearance.