

# **Overcoming Obstacles In Your Officiating Career**



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# Potential Obstacles

- **Personal – Home/Family**
- **Professional – Politics**
- **Self-Inflicted – Standing in the way of success**



# Solving those Obstacles

- **Personal – Home/Family**
- **Professional – Know it is a Process**
- **Self-Inflicted – Standing in the way of success**



# Where should I go for advice?

- Find Yourself a Mentor
- Let the Assignors know who you are
- My partners can be the biggest asset



# The extra things I need to do

- **Be a good listener**
- **Make sure you are seen**
- **Attend Camps and Clinics**
- **Evaluate Yourself**
- **Be Realistic**



# Unexpected rewards lie ahead

- **Being recognized by the assignors**
- **The Right Place at the Right Time**
- **First Varsity Friday Night game**
- **State Series Assignments**





**Questions**