Professionalism in Officiating

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Goal Setting

• – Be realistic in advancement expectations (Jr-High, Frosh, JV, Varsity)
• – Challenge yourself with advancement and promotion goals
• – Personal development (clinics, associations, mentors)
• – Self and partner post-game evaluation
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Fitness and Health

• Year-round commitment to physical conditioning
• Be realistic about performance with injury/illness
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Appearance

• – Proper uniform, patches, and sport specific equipment
• – Take pride in your appearance
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Rule Knowledge

• – Frequent study of rule book and case book
• – Be aware of rule changes; discuss & learn
• – Study Part I and II exams
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Responsibilities & Duties
• – Must understand pre-, during, and post-contest responsibilities of officials
• – Strive for consistency and fairness
• – Goal is to *not* be noticed – be courteous but detached
• – Communication is key, but know correct approach
• – Practice proper mechanics
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Contracting Contests

• Honor all contracts, regardless of other opportunities
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IHSA Communication Requirements

• – *May* use special report form to report inappropriate behavior
• – *MUST* submit special report form to *communicate ejections*
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Guidelines for Dealing with Unruly Spectators

• – **AVOID** direct contact – address through host management
• – Host Management obligated to carry out spectator ejections
• – **DO NOT CONFRONT** spectators directly
• – Remember to communicate with players, coaches, and officiating team
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Officials are Sportsmanship Role Models

• Address in pre-contest conference with captains and coaches
• Know and Use warnings and penalties to maintain control
• Regardless of contest progress, treat officiating team with respect and tolerance; discussion takes place after the contest