

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