

TOP 10 TIPS

Soccer Officiating By Alan Jones

#1 Don't Bark, Growl, or Bite, but be Confident and Assertive

Someone has to manage the zoo... and that happens to be you.

#2 The Commands Came Down Written on Stone for a Reason

Know the rules of the game.

#3 Effective Communications Make for Happy Kickers & Coaches

Everybody knowin' what's up will help your cause...
clearing the fog of competition requires clarity.

#4 Did You Happen to Notice that Plane Dive-Bombing the Goalie?

Stay FOCUSED! Things happen somewhere over yonder,
but stay acutely attuned to the immediate task at hand.

#5 Be Quick & Always Make the Correct Decisions - At Least Be Quick

Idle time invites the Devils' their mischief... always call it quick & crisp...
look like you got it right too!

#6 It isn't a Great Idea to Wear the Other Team's Spirit Wear... Just Sayin'

We have important matters to attend to here... stay neutral & unbiased.

#7 Pitch Size/Speed of the Games Vary...

Neither Care if You are Worn & Weary

Gasping & staggering just ain't a good look. Stay fit... stay in shape... the rocking chair will wait.

#8 Constantly Evaluate Yourself... and You'll Never Be Alone

To be an official is to judge... you just well jump in too... it is a VERY large jury pool.

#9 R - E - S - P - E - C - T !

The old timers settled in their rocking chairs know, the Queen of Soul, Aretha, called it a long time ago... show it to the game... the athletes, parents, coaches and other officials...
this isn't some kinda chain of fools.

#10 The Word Slipped Out

All kidding aside... no one is perfect. Do the best job that you can and always strive to get better.