



TOP 10 TIPS *All Sports Officiating*

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#1 Youth Sports are Fun

Kids are playing a child's game and having fun. Although you are getting paid to be there, if you aren't having fun along with the kids, then it becomes a job. Take pride in what you are doing and enjoy watching them play.

#2 It Is a Game, Not a Popularity Contest

Officiate to be respected, liked second. Avoid getting swept up in the emotion of the action... maintain your composure and dignity... set, maintain and enforce a standard of good sportsmanship, discipline and civil behavior.

#3 Pitch, Court, Rink & Field Size/Speed of Games Vary

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

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

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

#5 Play Your Position

Each official has a jurisdiction which requires them to make a call. Know the scope of your jurisdiction and do not make a call outside that jurisdiction unless asked.

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

Know the rules of the game.

#7 No One Comes to See the Officials

Blend in, but look sharp doing it. Shoes polished or clean sneakers. Phones left in the car. Everyone is here for the game and the players. Officials are the facilitators who apply the rules of the game fairly.

#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 Hustle & Flow

Good officials create a good flow to a game's skill level. Let their talent show. Let 'em play, but don't lose control.

#10 RESPECT!

Coaches are responsible for their players, collectively and individually. If a player is demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct, discuss the situation with the coach and outline the consequences if the behavior continues.

EMERGENCY

In a crisis call "911" immediately

● If considering self-harm, call "988"

The National Suicide Intervention Lifeline

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

To speak to a counselor,

Call (800) 656-4673

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BULLYING/HAZING, VIOLENCE, ADDICTIONS & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

For helpful resources,

thebmsproject.org/Safety

CHILD ABUSE

To report suspected child abuse,

Call (800) 422-4453

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline

It is recommended that incident(s) of serious misconduct be reported to law enforcement. Minors should report incidents of misconduct to their parent(s) or guardian(s).

4D LEADERS



SHUT OUT THE STIGMA

