

4. Special Situations

- a) Block-charge
- b) Illegal Screens
- c) Visualize court, not ball
- d) 5 sec. Closely guarded- twelve seconds total
- e) 5 sec. Penetration count
- f) Overtime period ~~4 minutes~~ 2 minutes
- g) Sudden Death – second overtime *first to score*
- h) Held Ball – no quick whistles
- i) 10 sec. To cross half court
- j) illegal defense
- k) Delayed whistle – double whistles
- l) Technical Fouls - administration
- m) Possession arrow – trail official
- n) Turning you back
- o) Running backwards
- p) Time outs (ball placement)
- q) Traveling- sell it clearly
- r) Help
- s) Discussion with coach (while clock is running)

Good Officiating Commandments

1. Appearance – Posture, neatness, and confidence
2. Hustle – Always impress a coach
3. Consistency – the secret of success
4. Salesmanship – make everyone a believer
5. Respect – for players, coaches, fans, and the game

Good Officials Avoid

1. Socializing – with the coach **before** or **after** the game
2. Derogatory statements to coaches, players, fans, and co-officials
3. Explanations and verbal exchange with coaches.
4. Betrayal of partner-you are a team, not an individual

Final Thought:

You should be in control of the game and yourself at all times. You are admired and second-guessed on every call. What separates the good official from the average official is knowledge, application of rules, and consistency. Respect is given after it is earned. Work hard and the compliments will multiply with each game.

Have a great season,

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