



"Making A Difference In The Game"

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT BOARD #6 of Approved Basketball Officials

One Rule + One Mechanic + One Interpretation = the Board #6 Way

IMPROVEMENT TIPS

- Be patient. Your time will come.**
- Stay in excellent physical shape.**
- Work many games.**
- Take notes after the game and review game films.**
- Listen to experienced partners.**
- Remember that the game is for the kids not you. Do not attempt to be the "show."**
- Concentrate on areas you can control such as your dress, time commitment, uniform, verbal and non-verbal communications during game.**
- Make the call. Do not be indecisive. A lot of bad judgment hopefully will give you good judgment.**
- Be careful what you say about others. "Loose lips sink officials."**
- Do not talk about where you have been and where you are going.**
- Be a positive thinker.**
- Set high but realistic goals.**
- Know the rules.**
- Use good interpersonal skills.**
- Ask for feedback from fellow officials working after or before your game.**
- Watch yourself on videotape.**
- Be receptive and eager to listen to constructive feedback.**

Avoid the following:

- Being late**
- The perception you are too friendly with coach**
- A bad toss since we only have one to start game**
- A bad 1st call**
- Walking vs. hustling**
- Finger pointing at players or your partner**
- Making a big call every time (limited need for dramatics)**
- Not having a pre-game discussion**
- Allowing your emotions to change how you call the game**