

POINTS OF EMPHASIS AND COMMISSIONER'S TIPS

Objectives – Fair Play, Sportsmanship, Safety, and Get the Obvious!

BEFORE GAME

- Arrive at your game no later than **15 MINUTES** prior to scheduled game time.
- Carry a gym bag for court shoes, rulebook, notepad/pen, whistles, shirts, rubber bands/coins. Watch some of game before yours.
- **Conduct a pregame** with partner - 4 C's (Communication, Coverage, Consistency, and Customer). Establish the R (Referee) and U (Umpire).
- Get the game going on time to help keep all games on schedule during the day.

DURING GAME

APPEARANCE - Look & Act Professional!

- Conduct a pregame with the captains/coaches. Emphasize sportsmanship, proper equipment, have fun and show us your skills! Stop play at all whistles, subs need to wait at table until waived in. Have coaches verify any special league rules.
- Ensure someone is appointed for the clock and scorebook (one per team).
- Be sure the coaches verify their special rules for their league.

POSITIONING – As **LEAD**, stay off end line out of bounds halfway between the lane and sideline. As **TRAIL**, be inside the 28' line (approx top key) in offense's backcourt, constantly moving to watch play there and down your sidelines. **Keep play between you and your partner** at all times, particularly during transition/press.

MECHANICS –

Strong, loud whistles, arm fully extended up for stoppage of play indicating violation(open fist) or foul(closed fist).

Clear, slow, concise signals and table mechanics when reporting fouls (color, #, and type of foul). Good communication with partner. Report fouls to table (not too close) near halfcourt circle. Constantly work on 5 second inbound count, 10 second backcourt count, and 5 second closely guarded count once in the halfcourt offense.

DECISION MAKING - Blow the whistle with authority!

Get the obvious! – Players hit the ground, all crashes, contact that affects player/dribbler possession or impacts a shooter, traveling, palming, carrying, illegal screens. Crack down on taunting, rough play, and unsportsmanlike, inappropriate behavior.

ROTATIONS AND SWITCHING – Make constant eye and verbal contact with your partner as you change places on the court due to ball out of bounds, violations, and when reporting fouls and timeouts.

AFTER GAME - conduct a brief post game (how the game went, weird plays, unique situations, # of fouls called, tips and suggestions for each other).