



"Making A Difference In The Game"

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT BOARD #6 of Approved Basketball Officials

One Rule + One Mechanic + One Interpretation + Uniform signals = the Bd #6 Way

IMPROVEMENT TIPS

- **Know the rules.**
- **Use good interpersonal skills.**
- **Be patient. Your time will come.**
- **Stay in excellent physical shape.**
- **Concentrate on areas you can control such as your dress, time commitment, uniform, verbal and non-verbal communications during game.**
- **Work games to improve, not just to make money.**
- **Make the call. Do not be indecisive. A lot of bad judgment hopefully will give you good judgment.**
- **Take notes after the game and review game films.**
- **Watch yourself on video. The video does not lie!**
- **Listen to experienced partners.**
- **Ask for feedback from fellow officials working after or before your game.**
- **Be receptive and eager to listen to constructive feedback.**
- **Remember that the game is for the kids not you. Do not attempt to be the "show."**
- **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.**

Avoid the following:

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