

# Good Partners

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Board 6 members

We love officiating and love the challenge each assigned game presents to us. We also know that while you do not need to like someone you are assigned to work with, you must still become **Good Partners** for that assigned game. We have presented a few items you should consider as you prepared for your next assignment. We suggest you review these items as you begin your pre-game discussion.

**Good Partners** should consider the following:

- Communicate before game, between quarters and during half-time about what to expect in the time remaining in your assigned game.
- Recognize there are on-ball and off-ball views/angles throughout the game.
- Understand your PCA and if/when to reach beyond.
- Avoid double whistles.
- Understand the flow, pace, and type of game being played throughout the 4 quarters
- Be aware of the score, fouls, and the team's best player.
- Come together once or twice during the game to "get the call/play right".
- Understand that good/bad "no call" at one end of the playing court is good/bad "no call" at the other end.
- Understand that travel/ no travel must be consistent for both teams.
- Recognize the "rough spots" and get through it without making it "rougher".
- Follow proper IAABO mechanics - put the ball in play where it goes out of bounds or the spot of the foul....no favors to partners.
- During substitutions: one partner beckons the substitute while the other watches the remaining players.
- Manage coaches the same: listen, provide short answer, ignore, be firm, take care of business if warranted.
- Maintain eye contact always.
- Slow down when necessary to help manage the game.
- Listen while the referee conducts a pre-game and contribute as necessary.
- Work with the coach who may yell at a partner across the court when a partner is standing in vicinity of coach.
- Work together to know who fouled and who will shoot the free throws.
- Get together to discuss how to report and administer technical fouls
- Work to be the best team on the court, not the 3rd best team.

Do you have more to suggest?

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Enjoy the upcoming season!