**TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL OFFICIATING**

1. KNOWand STUDY

the rules! Knowledge

of the rules is the

foundation of good

officiating.

2. MAINTAIN a

professional

appearance. The way

you look is the first

impression people get

of any official.

3. BE IN SHAPE. Conditioning is not

just for players.

4. ENJOY OFFICIATING. Officiating is

far too difficult to do without

enjoying it.

5. BE IN CONTROL at all times.

Officials must have the ability to

maintain their cool, despite the

situation.

6. BE PROFESSIONAL. The best way to

get respect is to show respect.

7. CALL WHAT YOU SEE. Don’t ever guess.

If you think it happened, it didn’t. If

you know it happened, it did.

8. BE IN POSITION to

make the call. Poor

calls most often are a

result of not being in

position. Hustle is

contagious.

9. NEVER CRITICIZE

another official at

any time.

10. ALWAYS USE your

voice sharply and use proper mechanics.

11. ANSWER QUESTIONS asked of you in

a respectful manner. Statements do

not merit a response.

12. NEVER BE COCKY or antagonistic to

a coach, player or other official.

13. LOOK FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE.

Watch other officials work and ask

questions. There is no substitute for

experience.

14. GIVE EACH GAME 100% of your

attention and effort. Every game is

important to someone.

15. **HAVE FUN.** A smile is irreplaceable.