

Basketball Philosophy

- Basketball Official – A person who officiates a basketball according to the rules set forth by their organization. An official officiates the game based on good judgment and good knowledge. An official will refrain from being partial, prejudiced, or biased. An official will do and make decisions that are in the best interest of the game.

*** An official is not a coach, a player, a fan, or an administrator. An official is not there to baby-sit or take pity on anyone involved with the contest.

- Consistency – Continually adhering to the same principles or course of action.
 - A. Officiate the game from start to finish.
 - B. Have the same type calls on the same type plays.
 - C. Do not change at half time because a coach is complaining.
- Integrity – Strict personal honesty and independence.
 - A. Never compromise your integrity because a coach is complaining.
 - B. If the rules support you, then it is correct.
- Knowledge – Facts and information that is true.
 - A. Know the rules
 - B. Know how to apply the rules
- Philosophy – Logical reasoning. A formal system of ideas.
 - A. Develop a philosophy
 - B. Be Consistent with other peoples views.
- Coaches – a person who educates a member or members on a specific subject.
 - A. Deal with coaches accordingly.
 - 1. Answer their questions
 - 2. Do not respond to their comments.
 - B. Hold them to high standards.
 - C. Make them adhere to the rules.

Questions to ask yourself:

1. Does the decision (call) fit the situation?
2. Is it effective?
3. Is it defensible?

I will back you 100% if these are answered with a yes.