



PRE-GAME CONFERENCE

Part of a good pre-game conference is getting your MIND ready. No matter what level or how many years you've been officiating, each game is different and each time you MUST prepare yourself and your partner(s). There is no magic formula – vary the way you conduct the pre-game.

Following are some suggested topics for discussion

RULE CHANGES & INTERPRETATIONS:

- Time-out / Substitutions after successful free throw
- Time-out / Substitutions to be followed by throw-in at centre
- Throw-in advanced to centre line after time-out in last 2 minutes

VIOLATIONS:

- Timing – 3 Seconds, 24 Seconds, 8 Seconds
- Goal Tending & Basket Interference
- Travels

COURT COVERAGE:

- Areas of responsibility
- Trail / Lead / Centre
- Rotations / Transitions
- Presses
- Split Line Divisions
- Double Whistle – Pass & Dish
- Dead Ball Situations

GAME PHILOSOPHY – CONTACT:

- Advantage / Disadvantage
- Consistency – Game Flow
- Protecting the Shooter – Drives to Basket
- Block / Charge Principles – Flopping
- Verticality – Blocked Shots
- Who is responsible for contact – No Bail Outs
- Unsportsmanlike
- Technical - Fighting
- Rebounding
- Hand Checking
- Screening – Off Ball Contact

SPECIFIC PLAY SITUATIONS:

- Last second shots
- Half time responsibilities – alternating arrow
- Time-out responsibilities - Positioning
- Bench Decorum
- Eliminating Rough Play

GAME EXPECTATIONS:

- Previous Team History
- Individual Match ups
- Potential Hot Spots
- Significance of Game
- Player / Coach Behaviour
- Key players
- Types of offences and defences of team

PERSONAL PERFORMANCE PRINCIPLES:

- Be competitive – give maximum effort
- Don't set up a show down
- Get into flow of Game
- Never Bark
- Show Confidence
- Forget the Fans
- Respond to Reasonable Questions
- Choose your Words Wisely
- Stay Cool
- Pay Attention to Detail



