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Code of Conduct

~~ *Expectations of our Officials* ~~

Personally

1. Be in the best physical shape you can be
2. Make a commitment to "leaving your personal life" outside the gym while you change into your uniform
3. Pledge to maintaining a strong understanding of the rules, and the appropriate application of the rules
4. Judgement separates average officials from great officials… it's THE next-level attribute. Learn good judgement
5. Remain in GOOD STANDING with the Association – do not referee basketball games that were not assigned by the LBOA. If someone other than the LBOA Assignor approaches you to officiate a game, indicate to this person that they should please contact the Assignor directly. Be respectful of the assigning process.

Administratively

1. Commit to attending the Association's preseason training clinics
2. Properly establish all appropriate details in Arbiter Assigning Software (arbitersports.com) – update your blocks
3. If a cancellation of an accepted assignment is necessary, please provide 48-hours' notice to Assignor – unless the cancellation is an emergency. Do your best to not 'turn-back' accepted, or decline non-blocked assignments.
4. Check email and text messages every day
5. Communicate with your partner at least 24-hours in advance of the game
6. Know the details of your daily game assignments
7. Switching game assignments with a fellow official is not permitted. Please contact the LBOA Assignor.
8. Determine the required driving distance to each of your game venues
9. Have electronic access to, or a hard copy of the FIBA Rulebook with you at your games
10. Inform LBOA Assignor immediately if your partner is a 'no-show.'

In Competition

1. Be on time – 20-minutes before scheduled tip-off. If you are running late, please communicate immediately to the LBOA Assignor, and if possible, your partner.
2. Clear the playing surface, properly position the scorer's table and benches, and surrounding perimeter clear
3. Preparation of score keepers and conveying their responsibilities
4. Verify that all jewellery is removed for the game, and that all athlete accessories are safely being worn
5. Look the part – be clean shaven; ensure your uniform is clean and pressed; appropriate footwear and whistle
6. Firm understanding of rule modifications for specific leagues / tournaments
7. Proper floor positioning, mechanics and signals - communication must be loud and clear (whistle and voice)
8. Be unbiased and fair to both teams and all players / coaches
9. Demonstrate effort for the full duration of game(s) – be prepared to referee the complete game
10. Maintain a high level of professionalism throughout the game – you are an LBOA representative
11. Choose to use appropriate language / FIBA verbiage
12. Be respectful to all people associated with the game: athletes, coaches, table crew, spectators, facility reps
13. Be open to feedback from your peers

As A Spectator

1. Never be publicly critical of an officiating colleague – in person, electronically, by phone or social media
2. Awareness of our conversations off the floor / away from facility, pertaining to peers, teams, coaches, players, etc.