

Important Tips to Remember when Dealing with our Sports Officials

1. Understand they are Human

- Just like you and I—they are NOT perfect. They aren't going to make the correct call 100% of the time.
- Don't expect perfection—look for consistency.

2. You have Different Angles on the Play

- Sometimes you are going to see things that they miss and sometimes they are going to see things that you miss.
- They have been trained to be in optimal positions to best see the play throughout the course of the game.

3. Set an Example

- Remember, you are a role model to your Players, Parents and Fans. They look up to you.
- By getting upset, arguing or yelling at Sports Officials, you teach them its okay to do the same.

4. Remember your Role

- Don't get caught up dealing with the Officials. Your role is to coach—remember that. Don't let the Officials affect your ability to coach.

5. Adjust to the Officials

- As long as Officials are making calls consistently for both teams, it is up to you to adjust your game plan. (i.e. encouraging players to swing at more pitches, etc.)

6. Never Blame a Loss on the Officials

- Especially to your players. By finding an external force to blame for the loss the players dodge being taught accountability and sportsmanship.

7. They are Kids too!

- As a coach you wouldn't yell at or belittle a player for making a mistake—don't do it to the Officials.
- Good Officiating comes with experience. If first year Officials have a poor experience they will not return next year—leading to an endless cycle of new Officials.

