

POINTERS FOR BEING A SUCCESSFUL OFFICIAL

BE COMPETITIVE:

You're out there to make calls that control the game, but not dominate the game!

HAVE YOUR HEAD ON STRAIGHT:

Our strips do not mean we're immune to criticism. It's part of the job. Successful officials know how much is to much.

GET IN THE FLOW OF THE GAME:

Each game is different. Ragged games require more communication with players and direct calls to control the behaviors.

DON'T BARK:

Don't shout at others if you don't like being shouted at. Football is an emotional game, allow the emotions but, officials **MUST** be under control of themselves at **ALL TIMES**.

SHOW CONFIDENCE:

As in life, appearance, manner, and voice determine how you are accepted. "Cockiness" and "know it all" are absolute **NO NOs** in officiating.

FORGET THE FANS:

Fans generally exhibit;

1. Ignorance of the rules
2. Partisanship for their team
3. Enjoyment in antagonizing the officials

As an official ignore them unless they interrupt the game or keep you from officiating.

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY:

Don't threaten coaches or players. If it deserves a threat then it deserves a flag. Be subtle and yet to the point in discussions.

STAY COOL:

As an official, you want to establish a calm environment. Nervous officials are easy to spot by coaches, players and fans.