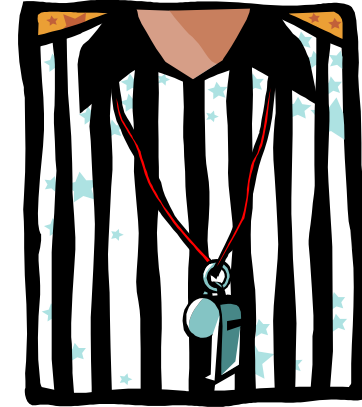


SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL DURING THE CONTEST

- Insist coaches display good sportsmanship and are proper examples for your players and fans
- Have your announcer, cheerleader, or team member read a sportsmanship statement. Your P.A. announcer and table personnel are to remain unbiased during the contest
- Make sure an event supervisor on scene understands the duties and responsibilities pertinent to that contest
 - 1) Make sure crowd control personnel are in place and visible
 - 2) Continually observe and monitor crowd behavior
 - 3) Work with and assist the officials during the game regarding crowd control
- Make sure that the playing area is maintained during half-time
- Escort the officials back to the dressing room at half-time and do not allow any visitors in their area
- Home management **MUST** handle fan misbehavior and unsportsmanlike outbursts



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SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL AFTER THE CONTEST

- Escort the officials safely back to the dressing area
- **DO NOT** allow unauthorized persons in the dressing room after the game
- Have refreshments available
- Provide hot shower and towels – if possible
- Be sure to thank the officials for their time and effort, regardless of the outcome of the game
- Diffuse and control any volatile situation that might be directed towards the officials, keeping their safety paramount
- Escort officials to their car if circumstances warrant



RECOMMENDED
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Quality officiating will make any athletic contest run smoothly, and will provide a positive experience for players, coaches, and fans. As part of the educational process, officials create an environment where the participants are required to follow the established rules of the sport, and face consequences for failure to adhere to them.

The individuals that provide this service to member schools work the games and contests because of their love of the sport, the enjoyment received from being part of the high school athletic experience, and their commitment and dedication to being a part of working with student athletes.

It is the school's responsibility to provide adequate accommodations and security measures for the safety and welfare of the officials, along with being available prior to, during, and after the contest. The AIA By-Laws are very clear in this area, as stated in Article 18.7.3:

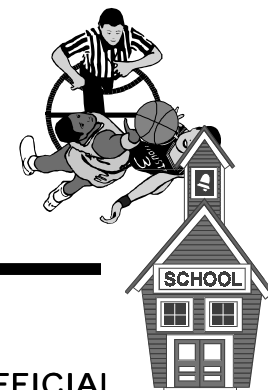


Schools shall have the moral responsibility to protect the officials and their belongings, as well as furnish dressing facilities, which provide adequate privacy. School personnel shall not invade the privacy of the officials dressing facilities.

This pamphlet has been prepared by the Arizona Interscholastic Association Officiating Department in the hopes of providing a standard for member schools to follow in making the officiating and contest management a positive experience for all involved. The suggestions contained herein have been made in the hope that all schools will develop a consistency across this state in welcoming officials to their campus, and that Arizona will become a national leader in embracing the philosophy that *“sports officials are part of the*

educational process, and a vital component in the positive development of young people”.

Fine officiating and good game management often go unnoticed, but together the officials and athletic department can make the competitive aspect of the game a positive one. Hopefully, the suggestions that follow will help show the necessary respect, appreciation, and preparation needed prior to an official coming to your school.



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SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL PRIOR TO THE CONTEST

- Hire competent and well trained scorers and timers
- Confirm assignment with crew chief prior to game day
- Prepare payment for officials
- Make sure that playing area conforms to National Federation guidelines for that contest

SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO AN OFFICIAL UPON ARRIVAL AT THE CONTEST

- Have a host assigned to meet the officials as they arrive. The host should do the following:
 - 1) Provide a reserved parking place near the dressing area
 - 2) Meet officials and escort them to the dressing area
 - 3) Have refreshments available for half-time and post-game
 - 4) Ask for any additional needs
 - 5) Introduce the officials to game management personnel
 - 6) Get the proper pronunciation of officials' names for the P.A. announcer
 - 7) Pay the officials PRIOR to departing the dressing area
- Provide the officials with the name of the adult supervisor for that contest and where they can be found in the event a challenging situation should occur

- The Athletic Director should discuss with the officials any special events, conference rules, National Anthem time, etc. that would affect the game
- Make officials aware of location of trainer or paramedics during the contest
- Go the extra mile to make sure that the officials feel welcome on your campus, and that they will be playing a vital role in the management of the contest
- Insist coaches display good sportsmanship and are proper examples for your players and fans

