

*Eastern North Carolina Athletic Officials  
Association*

# Welcome to Clinic #2

Monday September 28

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**So you want to be a basketball  
official? Are You Sure??**

**Do You Have Goals?**

**What games do you want to call?**

**Forrest Hill / Springfield**

**Toisnot / Elm City**

**A Tournament Champion Game**

**Do you know how to reach your goal?**

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## How to be a Good Official!!!

- Show up on time (15 minutes prior to your game is NOT on time)
  - Dress properly
  - Blow your whistle with authority
  - HUSTLE... HUSTLE... HUSTLE...
  - Have fun, enjoy the game
  - Communicate with your partners
  - Ask questions and accept feedback
  - Be loud and confident
- Don't socialize before the game

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## **The Importance of Good Referee Signals**

**Signals are a referee's way to communicate.**

When a referee or umpire makes a call in applying a rule, nothing happens until a signal is made.

**Good, clear signals create flow to a game.**

In basketball, the signal made by the referee following a ball out of bounds instructs the players how and where to proceed with getting the ball back into play. Without basic signals, made in a clear and timely manner, our games would have no continuity or flow.

**Referee signals should be crisp.**

They should look professional. They should be clear to everyone, leaving no question

*Experienced referees know that good signals are essential to good officiating.*

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## **Guess What...Referees Miss Calls!**

### **As a referee we try our best to get every call right.**

Missed calls are part of the game; just like bad plays by the athletes or wrong decisions by the coaches.

The sooner we learn to accept this fact, the easier it will be to become the best referee that we can be.

### **There are many reasons calls are missed.**

Sometimes we may not have the best angle. Something it happens right in front of us, but we are focused on something else. Sometimes we are screened by other players. Whatever the reason, good calls and bad calls are part of every game.

### **Sometimes a missed call can be fixed.**

Some situations allow us to get help from our fellow officials in an attempt to get it right. Don't hesitate to ask for help. Most of the time, bad calls are not fixable. In the long run, if we prepare, hustle and make our best effort to get the calls right, most of the time we will succeed.

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## Three Tips for Working with Coaches

### **Greet the Coach**

Make your greeting before the game brief. Look the coach in the eye, shake their hand, introduce yourself and wish them good luck. And that's all you need to do. Don't get chatty.

### **Hear the Coach**

During the game, the referee should hear the coach and if appropriate respond to what they have to say.

### **Explain the Call**

At times, it is OK for the referee to explain a call but don't make it a clinic.

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# Let's Roll Play

Coach / Referee What To Say And When To Keep Quite

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Any Questions

Thank you for attending tonight's  
clinic

Next Clinic:

Monday Oct. 5 7:15PM

Inside The Gym