

REFEREEING --- TIPS

BE PROFESSIONAL:

Appearance: Each referee should have shorts and trousers and attempt should be made to look uniform with your partner. The PRA will require the wearing of trousers for all tournament championships and post season league and CCS games.

Courtesy: Be courteous, be firm, and be fair.

Equipment: Have a rulebook accessible, it is a good idea to have a back up whistle, bring yellow and red cards.

Be on time: Make an effort to arrive 20 min prior to the starting time of the game.

Payment: Bring completed PRA payment invoice and the first page of IRS form W-9

PRE GAME PREPARATION:

Check out goal backing and the pool markings.

Converse with partnerbefore the game, between periods regarding incidents or concerns relative to the progress of the game.

Pool coverage: Verify which referee's coverage especially in pools where both referees are on one side of the pool

Captain meeting: ground rules, ejection areas, any specific areas of concern. Do not expose players to excessive conversation. *If there is something specific that you want the coach to know, tell him/her because the captain might not.*

RULES:

Continuously **review** rule book to identify areas where you may have questioned a prior call or an area that needs review.

Use of spiral notebook or some other method to record information such as: date, teams, location, amt. due, notes or incidents relative to the specific game.

POSITIONING:

The **front court** referee is primarily responsible for play in "the hole" and whoever is playing directly under his/her feet.

The **back court** referee watches the other four players. **DO NOT WATCH THE BALL!**

NEVER take your eyes off of the pool during play, after calling an exclusion foul, after a goal, after a period. Watch the pool until both teams have separated at the beginning of a time out. The referee on the side of the team benches should monitor the sportsmanship "hand shake" at the end of a game.

The back court referee must watch the pool, particularly the 2 meter area, on transitions from defense to offence.

HAND SIGNALS... Be deliberate when showing direction with the palm of your extended hand.

Hold the signal long enough for all players to see. It is common to drop your arm when the ball is in play.

Memorize and practice showing the signal the cap numbers with your fingers.**WHISTLE**

SIGNALS... |The whistle must be LOUD enough for all players to hear it. To retain the direction that you are going, blow **1 blast**, to turn the ball over blow

2 blasts (turnover), blow **multiple blasts** to indicate the signal for an exclusion.

Communicate to desk the number of the offending player who have committed personal fouls. Communicate the cap# to your partner if you are not on the desk side of the pool.