

**Professionalism
in Officiating
and
“Where does it
start?”**



COMMUNICATION

Meaning: Can you deal with people?

Can you say the RIGHT thing to the RIGHT person at the RIGHT time?



COMMUNICATION

Is also the
knowledge of
when it is best to
not say anything.



HUSTLE

- Wrestling is a game of angles & positioning.
- Speed & meaningless motion will wear you out & make you look silly.



- Every great official moves efficiently to be in the RIGHT place at the RIGHT time to make the RIGHT call.



INTEGRITY

- Complete absence of bias
 - a). Conversation with Coaches
- If there is a chance of a conflict of interest, don't work the match.
- There is nothing worse than for someone to question your integrity.



CONSISTENCY

- This will come with experience.
- Great officials are unrelenting in their judgement.
- “Sell your call.”
- It is much easier for a coach to adjust when you’re consistent.

Example: Stalling - be consistent and have the communication skills to explain your call.



Remember: Inconsistency invites criticism from coaches.

COMMON SENSE

Of all the qualities discussed **COMMON SENSE** is the most important.

- Often times things happen that may not be covered by rule or mechanics and that is when “**COMMON SENSE MUST PREVAIL.**”

ie: An unruly fan/parent

Ask yourself: How is this best handled.
Most often this is a duty that can be passed on to a School Staff Member.



These are a few items I feel are key elements to make you a great official and there are many more that should be discussed at your association meetings and thru-out your season.



So, here is a quick review and a bit more!

APPEARANCE

- Physical Fitness
- Proper Uniform
- Punctuality



CONFIDENCE

- Be prepared
- Mental fitness

Questions start the minute you walk through the door for your contest.



CALLING A MATCH

- Knowledge of rules
- Impartiality
- Good judgement
- Mechanics
- Consistency



SELF CRITIQUE

**How many of
these items
discussed are
part of your
personality and
where can we
improve?**



NO MATTER
how long you have
been officiating, there is
always room for
improvement.

Our sport is constantly
changing whether it be rule
changes or new moves
that have us saying WTH
was that?



**It's our duty
to the Athletes,
Coaches, Fans,
and other
Officials to be the
BEST OFFICIAL
we can be!**

