

Ralph Stout's 21 Points of What it Takes to be a Good Official

1. Have a good knowledge of the rules.
2. Be in good physical condition.
3. Have good dress/appearance to game and game uniform.
4. Take your assignments and don't complain.
5. Attend all meetings.
6. Be a team player.
7. Always have a positive attitude and promote other official's welfare.
8. You can have a bad game and still be a good official.
9. Have a good pre-game conference.
10. Help young officials (someone helped you).
11. Don't interfere with pre-game.
12. Go beyond the call of duty, always be early (not late).
13. Be willing to admit your mistakes.
14. We all have weaknesses (determine your weakness and work on it).
15. Be a good listener.
16. Cooperate with the official's organization.
17. Don't forget older officials.
18. Enjoy yourself and try to get better every game.
19. Discuss the ramifications of officiating with your spouse.
20. Keep your mouth shut about other games and don't knock other officials.
21. The bottom is crowded, there is always room at the top.

