

ASSOCIATION REFEREE DEVELOPMENT – 1 MAN OFFICIATING

Professionalism

It must be remembered that when an individual decides to learn how to referee and is awarded monetary incentives to officiate games, that person has to accept the responsibility of being a *professional*.

The conduct, attitude and communication of referees on and off the court determine how teams or spectators see them and therefore how much trust or respect those teams and spectators will have for the officials.

By being professional in your approach to your approach to your duties as a referee, you can help determine the level of success you will have on each game or in your career as a referee.

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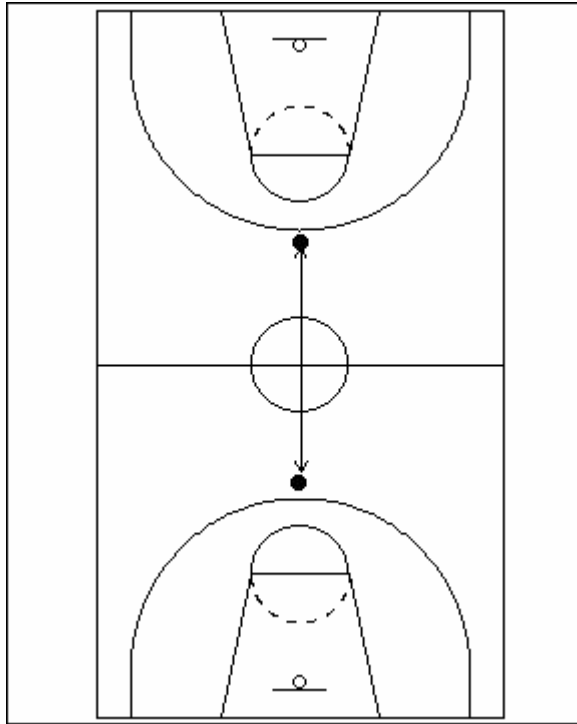
Often at Domestic level by no fault of anybody's, Referees are left to officiate a game by their self. As this is an extremely difficult task, below are some basic tips that can achieve the best results with only one referee –

Meet and greet teams

Before the game commences it should be the responsibility of any official to introduce yourself to the teams involved. When doing this, to provide awareness for the teams it is important to give details of the circumstance of having only one official on the game and to your understanding of the reasons why. Briefly explain that you will give 100% and ask them to assist you with out of bounds where possible. Players will appreciate the honesty you have provided and be more comfortable with the situation.

Mechanics

As the referees manual suggests, mechanics are all about being where you need to be to make the call. Therefore, with only 1 person the suggested method would be in the centre sector of the court from 3 point line to 3 point line.



Consistency

Although you are not going to be in the position to see everything, the main objective is that what you *do* see is called at both ends. This simply means that if a certain call is made and a similar situation happens later in the game whether the call is technically right or wrong, the call should be made the same way as in the first instance.

The most important points in officiating in general as well as by yourself is to smile and use common sense. Have a joke with the players within reason, where possible and be smart about how you approach and call the game.

