



Kentuckiana Basketball Officials Association

Official's Code of Ethics, as set forth by the National Federation of High School Associations

Officials at interscholastic athletic events are participants in the educational development of high school students. As such, they must exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility. The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all interscholastic officials.

Officials shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.

Officials shall work with each other and their state associations in a constructive and cooperative manner.

Officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public.

Officials shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.

Officials shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.

Officials shall remain mindful that their conduct influences the respect that student-athletes, coaches and the public hold for the profession.

Officials shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, they shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear unreasonably hazardous.

Officials shall take reasonable steps to educate themselves in the recognition of emergency conditions that might arise during the course of competition.

KBOA Statement of Ethics

Organized sports cannot exist without total impartiality and unquestioned integrity on the part of the game officials. Keeping this in mind, the Board of Directors of the KBOA has adopted the following statement of principles:

KBOA members, while still officiating their regular season schedule, shall not exhibit any behavior, either on the court or off, which may be interpreted as support for any school's team unless that official has removed that school from his or her schedule.

Any attempt to influence an official's judgment, either through promise of reward or threat of harm, shall be immediately reported to the Board of Directors of the KBOA and appropriate law enforcement agencies.