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There is more than one aspect of being a “Good Ref”

- On court performance
- Off the court performance



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On court performance:

- **Get your calls right**
- **Be accepted by the coaches, players and peers**
- **Appearance**
- **Hustle**
- **Be a good partner**
- **Call in your primary**
- **Etc., etc.....**



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Off the court performance

- **EVERYTHING ELSE**



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- You need to be just as good of a person OFF the court
- Part of our business is being judged by others
 - Q: Who's judging us?
 - A: Everyone!!!!



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You need to impress:

- Your supervisor
- Your peers
- The coaches
- The players
- The fans
- Yourself

And in that order!

If you impress the first 5, you'll impress yourself!



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How do you impress people?

- It's actually pretty simple:
 - It starts with being a good person
- If you're a good person:
 - People will:
 - Like you
 - Give you a chance
 - Accept you



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- Be your own worst critic
- Try to get better each game
- Take criticism with grace
- Don't be a "Yeah but" guy
- Be reliable
- Surround yourself with good people



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- If you're good, you don't have to say a word. Other people will do the talking for you.
- Be humble

FOR EVERYONE WHO
EXALTS HIMSELF

WILL BE

HUMBLLED

BUT

HE WHO
HUMBLES HIMSELF

WILL BE

EXALTED

LUKE 18:14

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Reasons officials get jammed up:

- Habitually late
- Shows up to games in uniform
- Misses assignments
- Doesn't attend required association meetings



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Reasons officials get jammed up:

- Not truthful about their availability
- Doesn't keep their availability up to date
- Turns back too many assignments
- Unreliable
- Not likable



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If you want to be successful in this business:

- Work hard
- Be a good person
- Stay in shape
- Be reliable
- Take care of business
- Take pride in what you do
- Be the person that everyone wants to work with
- Want the BIG game
- Go to an officials camp in the summer
- Quality, NOT quantity



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"Take pride in your work at all times. Remember, respect for an umpire is created off the field as well as on."
—Ford Frick

Ford Frick was an American sportswriter and baseball executive.

He was the third Commissioner of MLB and was instrumental in creating the Baseball HOF

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1. Keep Moving:

Hustle really doesn't take all that much effort. It's simply a matter of being dedicated to being in position and looking interested and athletic during your games.



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2. Look Professional:

No one should underestimate the value of appearance. Buy the standard clothes and equipment for your level of play and wear them properly.



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3. Arrive Early:

As with appearance, arrival time is a first-impression issue. It should surprise no one that the official who comes running in a few minutes before game time creates a terrible impression on everyone at the location.



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4. Meet the Teams:

Don't underestimate the potential value of meeting with coaches and captains, which gives you an opportunity to get the game started on the right note.

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Don't break into jail!

