## Being a Good Partner



**Board 52** 

#### **Before the Game**

- Confirm the game with your partner
- Have your picture on ZebraWeb, so they can say, "Oh I know who that guy is!"
- Text your partner to confirm the assignment:
  - "Hey Joe, we're working together tomorrow at Mt. Vernon HS for a 4:30pm tip. I'll see you there at or around 3:30pm."



## Being a Good Partner

- Don't be late!!
- When you're late, you give your partner undue stress & anxiety
- "Punctuality is respect for other people's time."



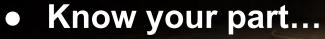
#### Be Humble

- "If you're good, you don't have to say anything, other people will do the talking for you."
- Don't "BIG TIME" your partner
- It doesn't matter where you refereed last night

### Who's Going to be the R?

 If you know you're the junior guy, don't be the Referee, unless the senior guy asks you to be the "R"







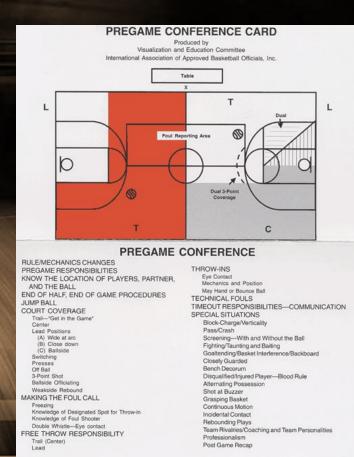
## Who's Going to be the R?

- If the senior official defers to the junior guy to be the Referee, take the role seriously
- Have a good pre-game
- Take advantage of the opportunity

#### **Pre-Game Conference**

#### Have a good pre-game:

- Especially if you haven't worked together
- Go over the basic things
- Don't get caught off-guard by something you should've talked about



### **Pre-Game Conference**



- Indicate the designated spot
  - Fouls
  - Violations
- If your partner makes a call and you don't know where the throw-in spot is, ASK!



- Get your partner's shooter
  - Especially the 7th foul, if it's a non-shooting foul
- Know the team fouls
  - If not displayed on the scoreboard...
  - Ask, "How many team fouls on EACH team?"



- Intentional Foul
  - Hard foul
    - Fist first Signal "Intentional Foul"
    - Quick huddle with partner, to make sure they don't have anything different
  - Mirror signal as off official
- Flagrant Foul
  - Get together with your partner & discuss
  - When you report the foul/ejection to the table & if you have to explain the call to the coach, you can tell him that, "We both/all agree that the foul warranted an ejection."





- Partner makes incorrect out-of-bounds call
  - Should have been talked about in the pre-game
  - Our How do you handle it?
    - Blow the whistle
    - Approach your partner
    - "Did you get a good look at that play?"
    - Change the call
      - The official who had the original call, makes the new/correct call





- Partner looks for help on out-of-bounds play
  - If you saw it, and know the correct call
    - Blow the whistle and make the call
  - If you didn't see it, be honest & tell your partner
    - AP arrow
    - DON'T GUESS



#### **Mechanics**

- Have good mechanics
- That is how we communicate
- Sloppy or improper mechanics will confuse everyone
- Exude confidence when you signal
- Don't "over sell" your calls
- Confident vs. Cocky





#### Mechanics

- Watch yourself on video
- Be your own worst critic
- Don't blow the whistle and hear:
  - "What was that call?"



### Consistency

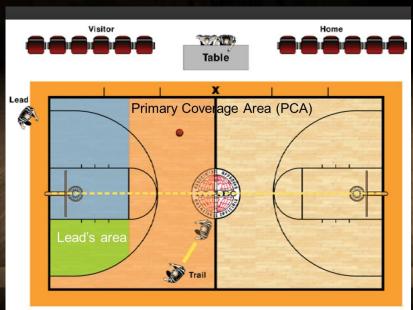
- Be on the same page
  - Match plays
  - Fouls, violations, no calls, etc.
- "Coach, we're doing our best to call plays the same on both ends of the floor."
- NEVER say, "We had the EXACT same play..."
- No two plays are EXACTLY the same
  - o "SIMILAR"....

### Consistency

- Black & White Calls = 100% Accuracy
- Grey Area Calls = Balance/Common Sense

### **Double Whistles**

- Double whistles aren't always a bad thing
- Know your PCA



#### **Double Whistles**

- Unless you have something that you KNOW your partner didn't or couldn't see, give up the call to the official who has PCA
  - Don't hesitate
  - Point to the PCA official immediately & say, "Take it."
  - Otherwise it creates confusion
- If you <u>HAVE</u> something that you know your partner didn't or couldn't' see, use a cadence whistle & come in strong

### **Double Whistles**

- Don't steal calls out of your PCA
- This will earn you a bad reputation
- You will not be respected by your peers

#### **Post Game**

- Talk about plays
  - Be honest with yourself
  - Be honest with your partner(s)
- Learn from your mistakes
- Learn from plays & situations that you got right
- Pass on your experiences to other officials
- "We had a crazy play last night...."

#### Be a Good Partner

- Be the partner that others want to work with
  Make a good first impression
  Don't be a "Yea but" guy
  Don't forget to have fun



### **Tough Crowd**



"I've worked some pressure games, but nothing like this."

# The Crazy Ref

