Professionalism Presentation by John G. Trotta November 13, 2023

Yelled at and been called the following:

- "Ref, you suck!"
- "Go back to CYO!"
- "You're horrible!" = Technical Foul

One thing I have never been called was, "Unprofessional"

Definition of "Professional":

Be reliable, showing that you care about every aspect of your job; Being industrious and organized while holding yourself accountable for your thoughts, words and actions.

JGT Definition of "Professional":

I break it down to its most empirical form when judging/assigning an official:

- Are they on time?
- Do they look right?
- Do they hustle?

Points about professionalism from the Executive Committee:

- Contact your partner(s) before the game (one-day is recommended)
- Contact and confirm with the school (day of game is preferred, unless the game is on a weekend)
- Be on time (at least 45-minutes before tip off)
- DO NOT come to the game site dressed in your uniform
- Have an adequate pregame conference with your partner(s)
- Wear the proper uniform
- Wear the pre-game jacket when applicable
- Leave the court together when the game ends
- DON'T linger around after the game

Pregame Mechanics:

- Have a pregame conference with the captain(s) and coaches.
 - Introduce yourselves
 - Advise everyone of the sportsmanship policy
 - o wish them "good luck"
 - Go back to your pregame position, opposite the table
 - Stay there until it's time to toss the ball
 - This eliminates the need to disturb the team huddle before the game starts
 - You are not in a position to fist bump the players during the introductions