

Pregame Thoughts:

(Keep a copy in your bag for a quick review before games)

- 1) Situational Awareness – Be aware! Know the clock. Know the foul count. Know when you cross a line on the court. Know the shooter. Know your match-ups. Don't get surprised!
- 2) Consistency – rule similar plays the same on both ends of the court. Don't be consistently wrong! Get them right!
- 3) Contact – Read Rule 10-7 before your games. Know these rules. We officiate the result of the contact. Except in 10-7-12, these are automatics. See the entire play and don't penalize legal defenders.
- 4) End of the game – Don't slack off, instead do the opposite. Work the hardest the last 4 minutes of a game. Work to get yourself and crew in the right position. Don't anticipate calls or guess. Blow your whistle and have confidence in the calls you make.

Unwritten "Rules Checklist"

- *Some of your best calls are your no calls.
- *Make the most difficult task look easy.
- *Get the call right and there is no comeback.
- *Avoid the "I" sins: indifference, ignorance, indecision.
- *Don't threaten or give ultimatums.
- *Don't be a Tempo Changer.
- *Great pre-game will prevent many problems.
- *Run EVERYWHERE you could walk. (HUSTLE back from reporting a foul.
- *Keep a cool consistency.
- *Know when to use the quick whistle and the slow whistle.
- *Live in the now (present), not in the past or future.
- *"Outnice" them: always be courteous with your replies.
- *Talk softly but carry control in your voice.