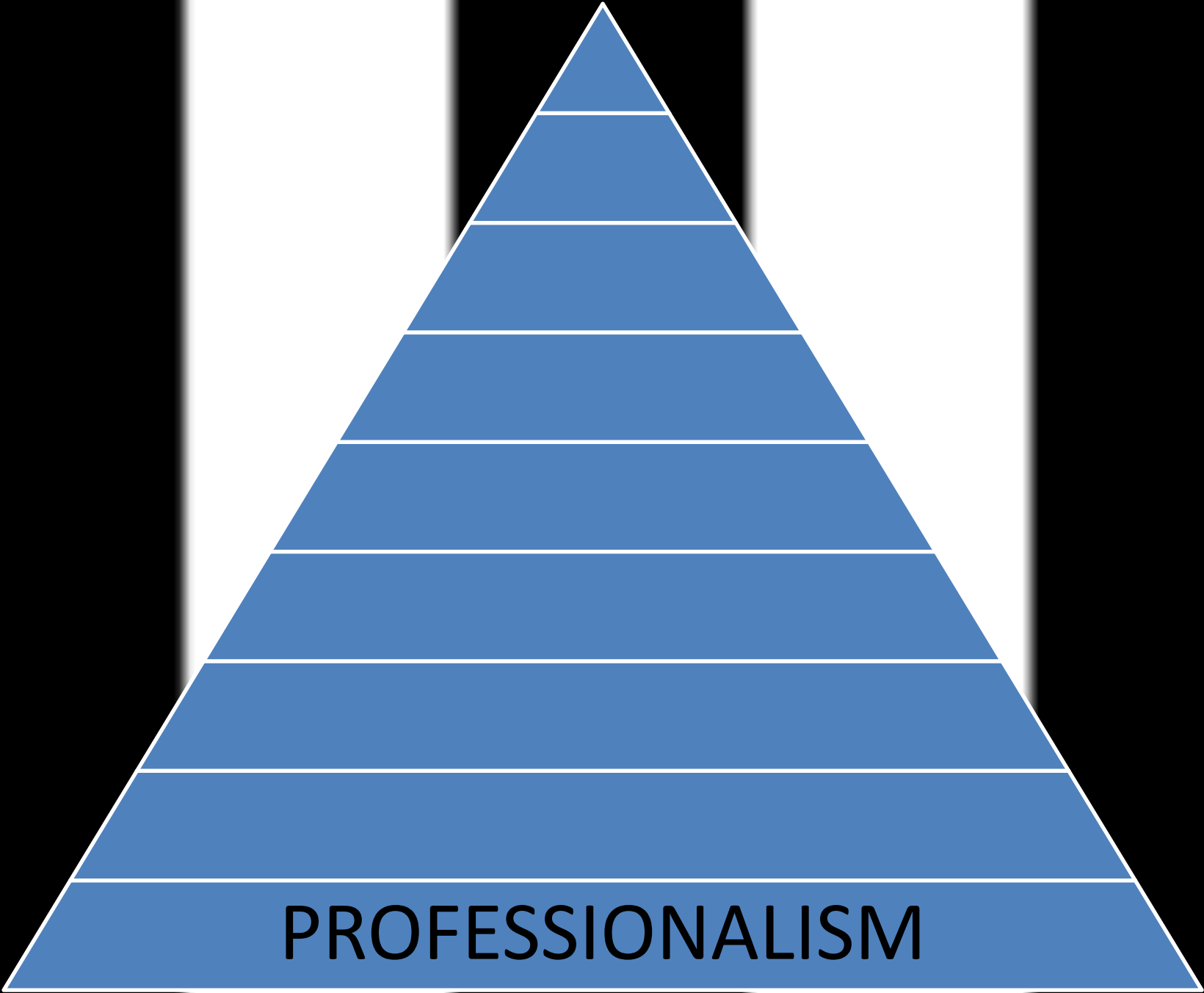


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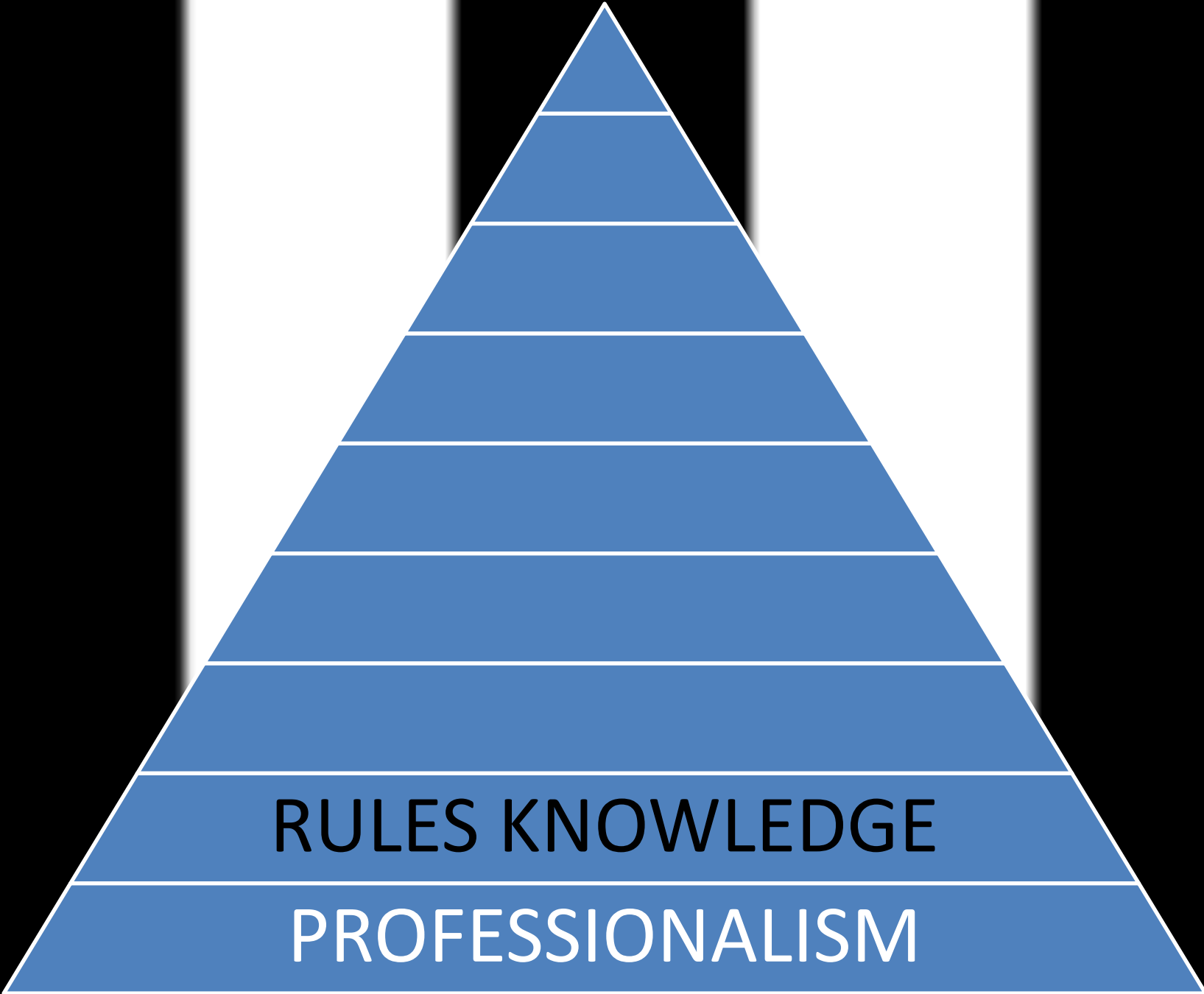
**PROFESSIONALISM**

# PROFESSIONALISM

- Address coaches by "Coach", "Sir", or "Mr."
- Don't joke around with coaches prior to game
- Arrive at pregame ready to work!
- Participate in pregame
- Body Language
- Don't ridicule other officials; be careful of comments in select forums

## PROFESSIONALISM (cont'd)

- PUNCTUALITY – BE ON TIME!!!
- Answer coaches' questions in neutral tone – be non-defensive
- Attend meetings & clinics when available
- Dress like a pro when traveling to game



**RULES KNOWLEDGE**

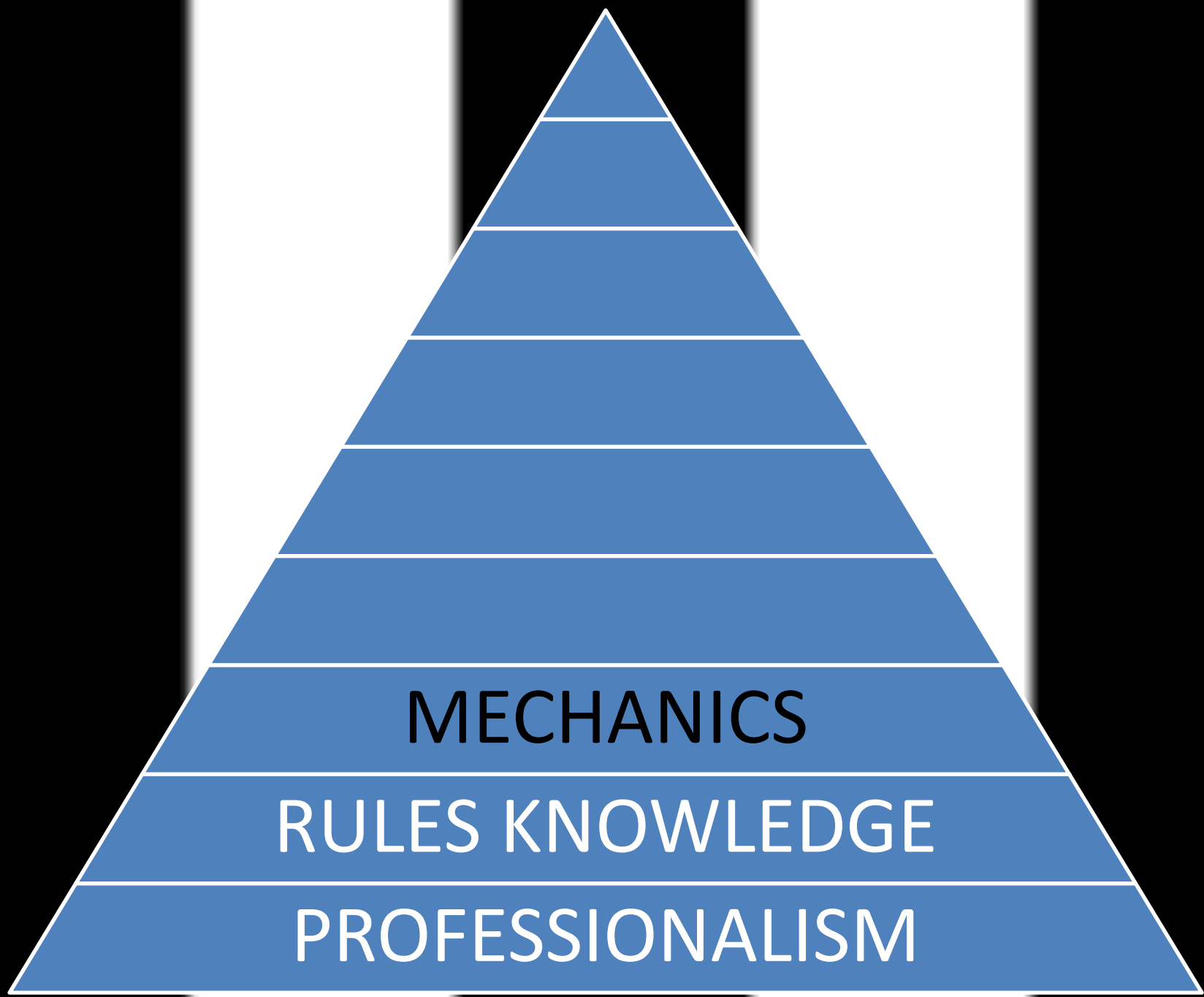
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# RULES KNOWLEDGE

- Strive to score no less than a 90% on all tests
- Read and understand the definitions
- Attend as many study sessions as possible
- Find a “study buddy”
- Put the book away in Dec. & decompress
- Answer questions with rules citations

## **RULES KNOWLEDGE (cont'd)**

- Seek help from others – egos checked at door!
- Know the rules by your position
- Try writing your own test questions (realistic)
- Admit when you're wrong and **LEARN FROM IT!**



**MECHANICS**

**RULES KNOWLEDGE**

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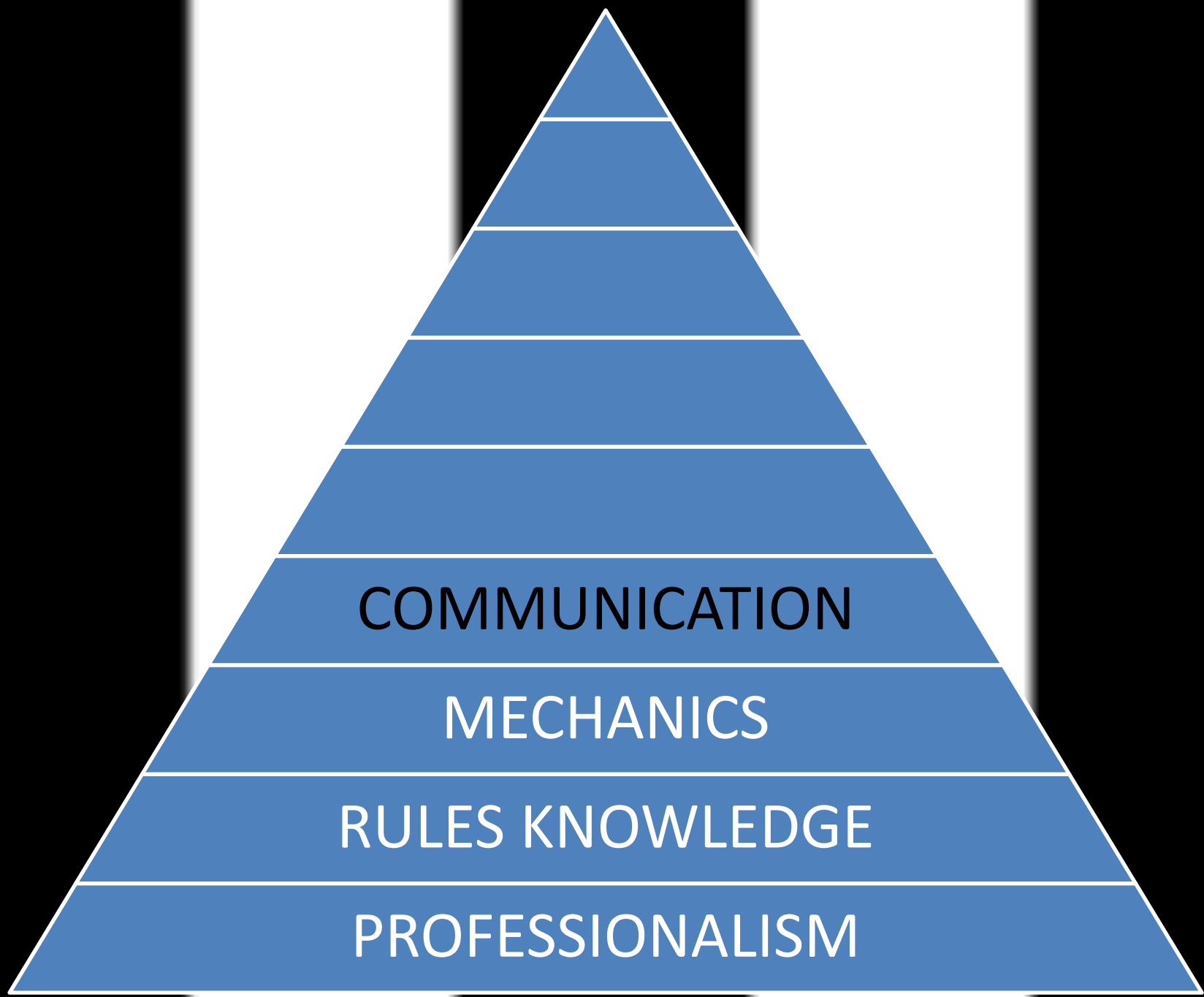


# MECHANICS

- Pre-snap checklist
- Maintain field of vision
- Study the manual
- Know the game situation
- Be a great dead ball official!
- Goal line

# MECHANICS (cont'd)

- Body language
- Be aware of location of the ball
- Whistle Control
- Proper use of signals
- Flag & bean bag use
- Slow down – Pause, Read, React



COMMUNICATION

MECHANICS

RULES KNOWLEDGE

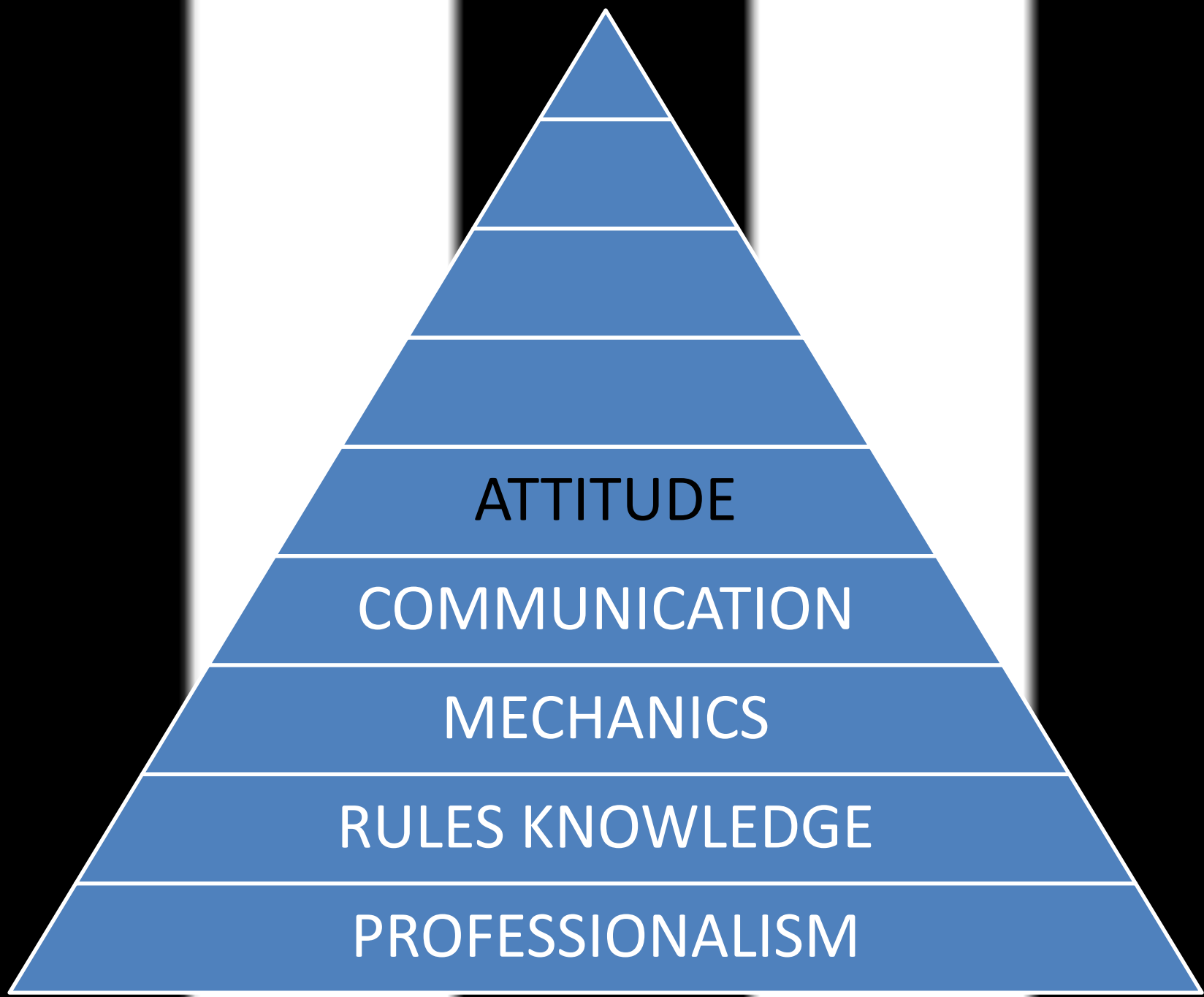
PROFESSIONALISM

# COMMUNICATION

- Communicate with crew during the week
- Be effective in pregame!
- Know whom you have to communicate with on game day & be prepared
- Address players as people...(#71, Mr., Captain)
- Use a calm tone – do not get excited
- Get proper info from fellow officials before communicating with the coach or captains

# COMMUNICATION (cont'd)

- Do not get caught up in the tempo of the game
- Look everyone you speak to in the eye
- Step in if a mistake is being made...Don't tell me on the bus!
- Record all pertinent info on game card & write neat and concise reports
- Work on signals – ALL YEAR LONG!
- Pay attention to clock! We are **ALL** responsible



ATTITUDE

COMMUNICATION

MECHANICS

RULES KNOWLEDGE

PROFESSIONALISM

# ATTITUDE

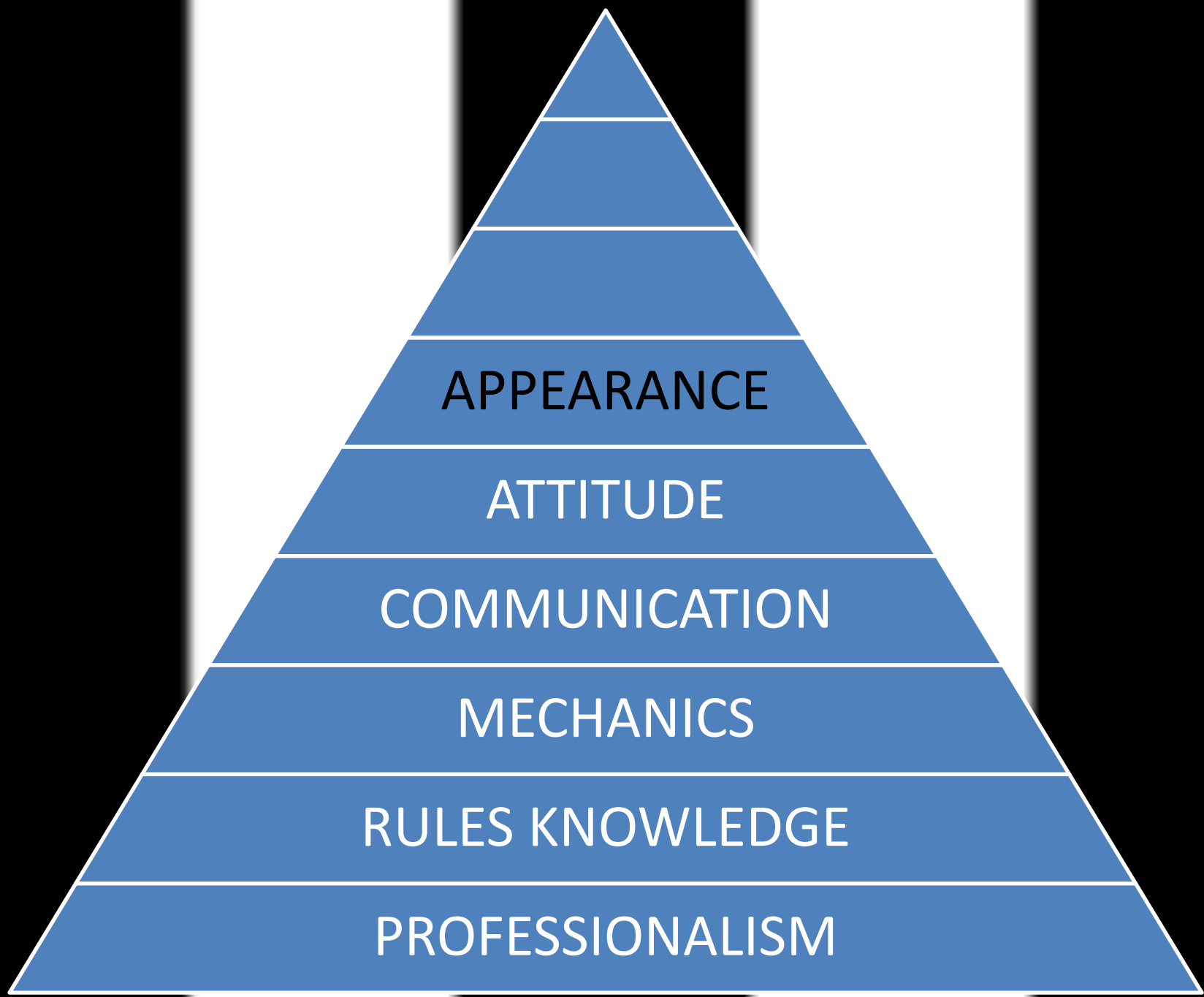
- About our assignments
- Always leave home without it!
- When working with weaker or younger officials
- Dealing with coaches
- Dress and hustle
- When you attend a game as a spectator

# ATTITUDE (cont'd)

## Checklist

- Allow enough travel time to arrive early
- Enter professionally and greet crew
- Stop horsing around when it's time to work
- Walk onto field with authority and command
- Treat everyone positively
- Don't complain about the assignment
- Cooperate with crew as a unit
- Watch body language
- Remember the game is more important than US





# APPEARANCE

- Look like a CEO
- Well groomed & hygienic
- Check gear regularly for wear and tear
- Wear sized hats/clean uniforms
- Replace uniforms regularly
- Replace bean bags & flags annually
- Keep head up, hands out of pockets, eyes focused
- Clean and fold gear before using

ALERTNESS

APPEARANCE

ATTITUDE/POISE

COMMUNICATION

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# ALERTNESS

- Clock Awareness
- Substitutions
- Down
- Ball Mechanics
- Crew
- Team Tendencies
- Kicks
- Penalties
- Field Awareness

INTEGRITY

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# INTEGRITY

- Stepping stones
- Continue learning
- All for one, and one for me?
- Buddy System
- Sorry, but thanks anyway
- Ethics
- Cordial but not cozy
- Apologize when appropriate

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# IT

- Do you have “Swag”
- Know that you belong
- Stay competitive
- Be you own harshest critic
- Never be satisfied with the 99% of the good things, concentrate on the 1% we can do better!