

Help Sheet for Referees

Getting your ready for your game



Presentation

Take pride in your appearance. Make sure that you are wearing the correct uniform, an official YBL* referee top. Check with your co-official(s) so that you wear the matching tops.

**YBL referees must wear a referee top, black trousers, black trainers or basketball shoes.*

Pre-Game

Both referees need to check that the table officials are present, the table equipment and scoreboard are working. The match ball is to be checked for suitability for the game and is not to be used for the warm ups once deemed suitable.

Make sure teams have provided a team list with the correct licence numbers to your table team.

Complete a receipt and claim payment from the paying club. Receipts are available for printing from the Referee Development Page on the YBL website.

Warm up suitably, including cardio and stretching.

Discuss with your co-official(s), agree on how the game will be called. Agree on things to watch out for, game mechanics, area of responsibility and show good teamwork.

Have a pre-game discussion (around 7 minutes before tip), with the officiating team and coaches. This meeting will set the standards and ground rules for the game.

In-Game

Remember your area of responsibility and mechanical movements on lead and trail. Use the correct signals. Make sure you keep up with play. Run, don't walk!

Use time-outs and time between quarters to discuss the game with your co-official(s). Check with the table team if they are happy or have any points to raise. Remain professional, remember to hydrate yourself. Either stand in front of the table or stand towards the opposite side of the court to the table to review the game so far.

It is NOT acceptable for any official to start dribbling the ball or to start shooting the ball into any of the baskets.

It is important to be professional at all times, this works well and earns respect of the coaches and their players.

Post-Game

Shake hands with the players, coaches and the rest of the officials team. Check the score-sheet is correct, that a captain is not 'signing the game under protest'. Once happy sign the scoresheet to complete the game. Do not rush out of the venue. Make sure everything is right before you leave. When possible leave with your co-officials.

Level 1 Referee Junior Local League & School Games 1	Level 2 Referee Junior & Senior Local League, School Games, Junior National League, BCUS, AoC, EABL & WEABL 2	Level 3 Referee As a level 2 and Senior National League 3	Level 4 Referee High-Standard Domestic referee; Including BBL 4	Level 5 Referee International FIBA Trained referee; Including BBL and Euro League 5
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