

# DEALING WITH COACHES



*“The trouble with referees is that they just don't care which side wins.”*

Tom Canterbury

- Respect has to be earned.
  - hustle, knowledge, visual perception
- Communication:
  - \* listen to questions
  - \* know when to give quick short answer
    - or just an “OK” thanks

- Use positive statements
  - “we’ll watch for it”
  - “thanks coach, but we saw it different”
- Let coaches know you will answer questions, but not listen to a yell or scream every time a play occurs



- Keep emotions in check
- If a coach stays in his coaching area, and is respectful, all should go well – but some friendly reminders are often needed
- Know when to use a technical foul, and call and administer it like any other foul

# CALLING THE TECHNICAL FOUL

- Many officials have told me that on more than one occasion, they should have called a technical foul.
- I believe that most of the time these officials are correct. Call the technical foul!
- It is not easy but you will be doing the right thing, and just as important, when an official the next night calls a technical for a same or similar infraction, coaches will no longer act so surprised and claim that officials are out to get them.

# A final word!

- Have fun!! Once reffing starts to “get to you”, take a break.
- Always try and look your best!

