

Oregon School Activities Association

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The post season state playoffs and State Tournaments are coming up soon.

Oregon high school tournaments have a rich history and tradition. It is truly a privilege and honor for an official to be selected as a member of the post-season officiating staff.

There are very high expectations of those who serve at the state level post season playoffs and at various tournament sites.

A reminder, it is boys and girls basketball and the official is part of the education process and responsible for assisting the OSAA in their effort in having student athletes benefit in this very special experience and making sportsmanship a priority.

Officials must respect the high school game by bringing their high school officiating package of rules applications, mechanics coverage and signals to post season playoffs and at the tournament sites. Applying other level rules and using unapproved signals is an obvious indication that one does not respect the high school game and is a disservice to the overall game

Arrive at the game site dressed professionally in a nice pair of slacks, shirt or sweater. This means no jeans or warm-up suits. Officials should look professional off the court as well as on the court.

Be prepared! Most things are completely within your control such as arrival, appearance, rested, attitude, professionalism and accountability.

You may be working a game with someone that you have never officiated with. A thorough pre-game conference is a must. Both officials must leave the dressing room feeling professionally prepared and ready for the task ahead. Don't officiate to 'stay out of trouble' but be so prepared that trouble doesn't find you.

Have a great post season.

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