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### **Are You Ready For The Post Season?**

This is the time of the year when officials are preparing for playoff games and OSAA State Championship berths. Listed are absolutes for officials to follow:

1. Rules knowledge: Be a student of the game – review the rule and case books – don't be caught with having to interpret a rule and not knowing the correct interpretation.
2. Arrival at the game site: Be early, notify the event manager that you and your working partner are on site. Be sure and confirm the site and start time with your working partner.
3. Look sharp before and after the game: Dress appropriately – no Levis, jeans with holes in the legs or warm ups – dress in a nice pair of slacks and look like a professional – first impressions are often lasting impressions.
4. Uniform: Clean, pressed with shinned black shoes, whistle with lanyard – carry a spare whistle and noose lanyard – wear a neat looking warm up jacket – look like an official.
5. Mechanics: Review and use NFHS mechanics only – work to be in the correct position at all times – move to improve- communicate with your working partner and with the official table.
6. Have confidence: Stay relaxed – be in control – hustle but never hurry your calls – stay alive when the ball is dead.
7. Strong resolution skills: Listen, answer reasonable questions and respond in a professionally manner – don't be afraid to smile – a kind word at the proper time has saves many games.
8. Work to get every call correct: Be loyal to your working partner – help each other out during tough situations.
9. Have a passion for the game.
10. Work hard and have fun and remember – It is not **who** is right but **what** in right that is important.