

Basketball Officials Scheduling Protocol

In recent years some schools have indicated they would like to schedule basketball officials without the assistance of the Erie County Basketball Officials Chapter. I understand that in the distant past this was a practice that was used on a limited basis. I also realize that your schools would like to utilize certain officials for some of your tournaments. However, there is a flaw in this process of satellite scheduling. An individual should not officiate more than two games at one site on any given day. The familiarity that is achieved with the coaches and the spectators tends not to be positive in nature. Scheduling your own officials also exposes you to being accused of using biased officials. This comes from the fact that you are likely to schedule officials that are friends or associates of the school. Also, you have no recourse of action if an official does not show up for a game. If an official that is assigned by the chapter cannot make the game, he / she must contact the chapter immediately for a replacement. If an official does not attend an assigned game, they are fined by the chapter. These procedures usually ensure that the officials will be at their assigned game(s).

The correct protocol for the scheduling of officials for all games, whether they are league games, independent games or tournaments is to use the Erie County Basketball Scheduling Assignor for the Diocese of Erie, Erie Region. The use of the assignor ensures that the officials scheduled for each game are impartial and do not feel inclined to favor a team because they were asked to work their game. A school who is hosting a tournament may request that certain officials are assigned to work games in their tournament; however they should not request particular officials for exact games that are being played. If exact officials are assigned (as is done with satellite scheduling), that could be perceived by opposing teams as the home team receiving preferential treatment and the officials could be seen as bias before the game even begins. That is the kind of situation that I want all diocesan schools to avoid. Officials for all games are to be assigned through the Erie County Chapter of Basketball Officials. This will ensure that all games are being allocated fairly and without bias. Using this protocol will eliminate schools, coaches and spectators from accusing host schools of always having the same officials work their games. Also, no school can be accused of having certain officials work their games because they are friends of the coach or the school. The officials will be assigned by a neutral party that has no affiliation with the schools. This should alleviate the negativity that some athletic directors face during the basketball year, as well as the officials. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (814) 824 – 1245 or at dchuzie@eriercd.org.

16-17 Erie Region Officials Basketball Assignor: Dennis Manendo (814) 440-1217 damref@roadrunner.com

16-17 Officials' Fees / Game: Each team pays one official JV: \$28 JV 5th Quarter: \$5 (STOPPED CLOCK)

16-17 Officials' Fees / Game: Each team pays one official Varsity: \$30

16-17 Basketball Assignor Fee: \$30 per basketball team - Each school will be billed directly by Dennis Manendo

Sincerely,

Douglas Chuzie
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