

New Jersey OFFICIALS

What You Can Do Before, During and After Games to Make Them Great

Before

1. **Pray** – for salvation of unsaved ones; for safety of everyone; wisdom to all involved
2. **Prepare**
 - a. Study the rules
 - b. **Take Test and return by February 21, 2026**
 - c. Keep reviewing the game rules
3. Practice
 - a. Club games
 - b. Team Practices
4. Plan
 - a. Arrive/Departure –arrive early (as told by the Meet director) to help with game floor setup and stay late to help tear down floor and put equipment away
 - i. (It is not recommended to travel with the teams)
 - b. Attire – make sure you have what you need (black (or dark blue pants)
Circle Director and Judges shirts will be provided.

During

1. **Pray** - for salvation of unsaved ones; for safety of everyone; wisdom to everyone
2. Arrival/Departure
Check in – you will receive your shirt, name card, nametag, maker (AG) and games order cards.
3. Officials Meeting Before Event: Your Circle Director will hold a meeting separately for prayer and to go over any rule questions.
4. Action
Focus:
 - a. Your Circle (safety of everyone, shoes tied, etc.)
 - b. Your Quadrant (Circle Pin knocked down, etc.)
 - c. Your Event Team (watch the team in most cases, not the quadrant)

4. Attitude
 - a. Encouragement to everyone
 - b. Witness for Christ
 - c. Helpfulness to coaches
 - d. Submission:
 - i. Have a servant's heart
 - ii. To Circle Director
 - iii. To Meet Director/Specialist

5. Team Awards and Patches
 - a. Be prepared to hand out patches / awards to coaches
 - b. Be polite
 - c. Call team forward to circle
 - i. Give patches / awards packet to coaches
 - ii. Keep the team in place on the circle

After

1. **Pray** - for salvation of unsaved ones; for safety of everyone traveling

2. **Expedite**
 - a. clearing the floor
 - b. clean up
 - c. floor tape removal (after AwanaGames only)

3. **Check Out**
 - a. Shirt in "dirty shirt" bag
 - b. Turn in items (name tag, etc.)

4. Pack Up / Load Up