



# THE REFEREE'S PROMISE

Gameday Youth Basketball · Frisco, Texas

## FIVE COMMITMENTS

Officiating is the hardest job in the building. You make hard calls in front of people who are emotionally invested in every possession. What follows isn't a list of rules. It's a ***shared promise*** between you and every kid, coach, and family in this league about the ***experience we're building together.***

### 1 Show up ready to officiate.

Check in with the site supervisor when you arrive. Know your court and tip time. Introduce yourself to your scorekeeper before the first game. That two-minute connection makes the whole game run smoother.

### 2 Manage the game, not just the calls.

The best officials control the temperature before it rises. Talk to coaches early. Acknowledge a sincere question and move on. Officiating is communication as much as it is judgment.

### 3 Be consistent from tip to final whistle.

Players & coaches can adjust if the standard doesn't change quarter to quarter. Call the game the same way in the fourth that you did in the first. Consistency builds trust, even when individual calls are disputed.

### 4 Protect the kids. Always.

Safety is the priority. A foul that could hurt a player gets called regardless of game situation, score, or sideline pressure. No exception, no hesitation. Everything else is secondary to the kids on this court.

### 5 Stay composed. De-escalate tense moments.

You will get push-back. That is not a reason to escalate. Address situations calmly and briefly, then move on. If the behavior continues: first engage the coach for help, then signal the site supervisor. You do not manage hostile situations alone.

*Great officiating is invisible. The game just flows.*

## REFEREE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read the Gameday Referee's Promise. I understand that as an official, I set the standard for every game I work. I am committed to bringing the professionalism, consistency, and care that every Gameday player deserves.

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Date

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Assigned Division(s)

