

The 10 C's of Officiating

1. **Communication** : communication is being able to effectively convey a message to partners, participants and spectators to ultimately achieve a desired response
2. **Confidence**: confidence is being able to portray a notion of sureness & decisiveness in the calls along with positiveness in the decision making. In officiating whether a referee feels confident or not, it is of paramount importance that he/she portrays themselves as being confident. >
Confidence should not be confused nor replaced with arrogance or cockiness.
3. **Consistency**: consistency is the evenness with which officials make decisions irrespective of game situations and other external pressures. A referee needs to clearly establish early the way the game is going to be called, and then must maintain the same interpretations throughout the entire game. I like the term “**consistent accurate rulings**”
4. **Commitment**: commitment is doing the job to the best of your ability; by sacrificing, studying, observing, discussing, and practicing all elements of officiating.
5. **Conditioning**: Officials are athletes and therefore must be physically and mentally prepared for their craft just like a player. A referee is subjected to great physical and emotional demands that require concentration and quick judgement

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6. **Concentration**: concentration is the directing attention to things that are critical in making the right decisions throughout the entire contest. The ability to concentrate is a learned skill and generally improves with experience.

7. **Consideration**: is having a common sense approach to understanding what the game is about and what the participants are trying to achieve. **Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are and doing things as they ought to be done**

8. **Conduct**: the way in which an official presents themselves has a great influence on how they are accepted by participants and fans alike

9. **Courage**: courage is the ability to maintain objectivity and consistency without regard to the game situation or external pressures. Courage is required to make the tough calls

10. **Control**: control is the ability to make the right decisions at the right time to maintain the respect and acceptance of the participants throughout the entire game. **Control is a product of a referee performing all the other C's effectively.**