



The safety and well-being of our athletes is the most important aspect of the NABI Tournament. Because of this, we want to ensure Coaches and Officials are on the same page. The following is a list of best practices to safeguard all participants:

OFFICIALS

- 1) We encourage Officials to introduce his/her self to Coaches prior to each game; thus, creating an open line for communication;
- 2) We encourage Officials to limit his/her communication with players, except for:
 - Introduction;
 - Providing clarification or instruction in a constructive manner;
 - Receptiveness and acknowledgement of player's appreciation at the conclusion of each game.
- 3) Officials are strongly discouraged from engaging with any spectators. In the event a spectator or spectators are heckling or verbally criticizing an official, the said official is to communicate to the scorer's table. Accordingly, the Tournament Director will follow-up;
- 4) We encourage officials to be transparent with his/her partner(s); scorer's table; Assistant Director of Officials; Director of Officials; and NABI Foundation Staff;
- 5) Officials are required to ensure his/her name is in the Official Scorer's Book, as well as signing the book proceeding each game.
- 6) The NABI Foundation will assess and provide detailed feedback to the Director of Officials as a follow-up to the Tournament. This information will come from Gymnasium Staff, Coaches, and the NABI Tournament Director.

**All officials are either AIA (Arizona Interscholastic Association) or CCA (Collegiate Commissioners Association) certified. For more information, please visit <http://aiaonline.org/> or <http://naso.wehaaserver.com/books/>.*



COACHES

- 1) We encourage Coaches to introduce his/her self to Officials prior to each game; thus, creating an open line for communication;
- 2) We encourage Coaches to speak to his/her team preceding each game regarding the below communication protocol:
 - Designation of Team Captain as spokes-person at the start of the game;
 - Player communication with Officials should be brief and relate to clarification of a call or instruction;
 - Extended communication with an Official comes directly from the Head Coach:
 - ➔ It should be constructive;
 - ➔ It should be during a time-out or half-time.
 - We encourage players to acknowledge and thank their officials at the conclusion of each game.
- 3) We encourage Coaches to communicate with Officials briefly, with extensive conversation taking place during half-time and proceeding the game;
- 4) We strongly encourage Coaches to place the focus on his/her players – “control what we can control mentality” – not the Officials;
- 5) Coaches are required to manage his/her team’s spectators to mitigate the likelihood of an incident. In the event a spectator or spectators are unwilling to adhere to a coach’s request, the Tournament Director will be contacted to ensure the spectator(s) leave the gymnasium.
- 6) The NABI Foundation encourages Coaches to provide constructive feedback proceeding the Tournament. In turn, the Tournament Director will provide extensive feedback to the Director of Officials to better serve the NABI Tournament.

By providing an environment that is safe and engaging for our athletes, the community lives-out the Foundation’s Mission of creating, encouraging and supporting Native American youth now and through their journey as they discover who they are, what they want to be, and how they can impact future generations.

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation!!