

SECTION 14

OFFICIALS OVERVIEW



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CANADA
BASKETBALL



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14.1 – MISSION

Steve Nash Youth Basketball helps promote the participation and development of young officials in an encouraging and positive environment. Our mission is to train new Officials and to educate children, Coaches and Parents on the basic rules of the game. Steve Nash Youth Basketball strives to put Officials into an educating role, rather than a policing role, working cooperatively with Coaches to teach the game and to teach skills.

14.2 – PHILOSOPHY

Facilitate play, educate children.

- Be a teacher of the rules of the game through reinforcing learning and praising positive behavior.
- Support the program's five core values:
 - > FUNdamentals
 - > Learning
 - > Activity
 - > Success
 - > Respect
- Introduce and reinforce a positive relationship between Coaches, Referees and children.

14.3 - ROLE OF AN OFFICIAL

- An Official is a teacher who reinforces the rules and skills of the game.
- An Official praises good play.
- An Official must be friendly, patient and positive in relating to children and must strive to be consistent and impartial.
- An Official facilitates the flow of the game in a fair and friendly manner, using judgment when helping to ensure children enjoy their experience while following the game's rules.

14.4 - OFFICIALS CREED

As an Official in Steve Nash Youth Basketball, I will...

- Assist in teaching and promoting the program's philosophy, core values, and the game of basketball.
- Enjoy what I am doing and show that enjoyment to the players.
- Work in conjunction with Coaches, parents and volunteers to support children's learning, participation, personal success and development.
- Help make basketball fun and enjoyable for all participants.
- Dress, speak and behave in a professional manner.
- Always be fair, impartial, approachable, open and encouraging.
- Know and understand the Steve Nash Youth Basketball game, its concepts and its rules.
- Help players understand the Steve Nash Youth Basketball game, its concepts and its rules.
- Exercise judgment and discretion, making decisions that are in the best interests of the players.
- Ensure a safe learning atmosphere for the players.
- Maintain a player first focus at all times.

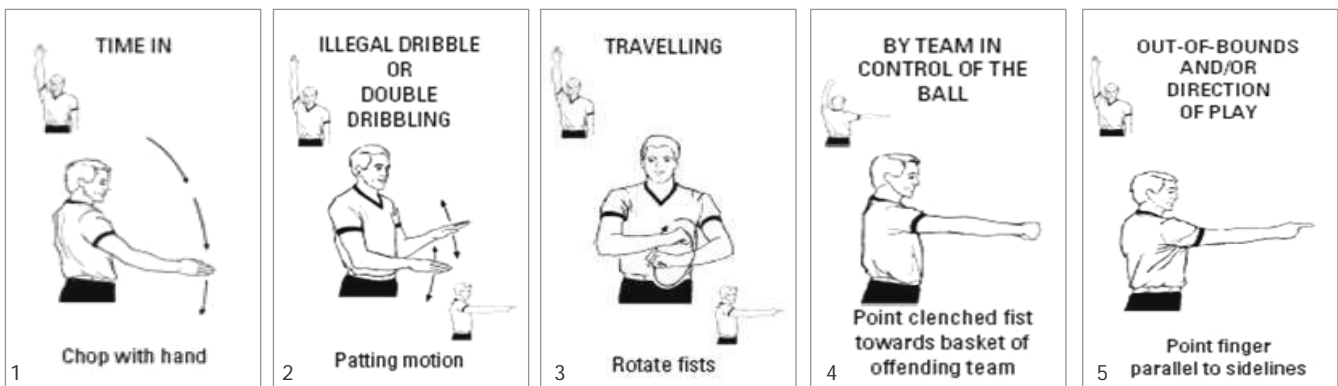


14.5 – OFFICIALS SIGNALS

The Steve Nash Youth Basketball Game makes use of five signals. These signals are the following:

- Begin/Resume play
- Dribble Violation
- Travel Violation
- Foul
- Out-of-bounds

The use of minimal number of signals serves to introduce players to the presence and role of the Official without establishing the Official as the ultimate authority.



Begin and Resume Play (Picture 1)

To begin play or to resume play after an interruption, begin the sequence by extending the arm straight into the air, palm open. Then drop the arm in a chopping motion to signal beginning/resumption.

Dribble Violation (Picture 2)

Move the hands, palms open, in an up-and-down or patting motion; the signal should be delivered at a height midway between the navel and the chest; briefly explain what has happened.

Travel Violation (Picture 3)

Rotate closed fists around each other in a circular fashion at a height midway between the navel and the chest; hold the signal long enough for the violating player to see it; briefly explain what has happened.

Foul Signal (Picture 4)

Arm extended straight into air, fist closed; hold signal long enough for the fouling player to see it; briefly explain what has happened.

Out-of-Bounds (Picture 5)

Point to the spot where the ball went out of bounds, followed by pointing in the direction of the ball when play resumes.