

Wisdom, Hints, Tips & Advice

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Experience is the best tool for becoming a better referee.

Be a student of the game. Open the Rule Book Often. Read a Rule before every match.

Begin using the verbiage of the rule in your discussions with players, coaches and other referees.

Read the case book often. You never know when a situation might happen that you just read about in the case book.

Early in your career you will make mistakes. Seek veteran referees to ask how they would or have handled the same problem or situation. Most likely they have been in a similar position in the past.

Don't be afraid to get a second opinion.

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Don't be afraid to ask a Veteran referee to observe you and offer suggestions. Remember Veterans may work with you in the future and they have a vested interest in your success.

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Step in and volunteer to be R2 at juniors' tournaments.

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Some of the best information is gleaned from sitting around a restaurant table with other officials.

Use your Referee Chair as a resource to answer questions, no matter how silly the question may seem.

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