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Post-Game Meetings



Post Game

At the end of a game, most officials want to hop in their car and get home, to their next game, etc.

STOP!

A 10 minute conversation after the game can be an invaluable learning tool.

Can learn a great deal from this talk.

Guide lines:

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The Who

Who should be involved in this conversation?

- The game officials
- Assignors, Observers, Mentors, fellow officials

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Who not

Who should not be involved in this conversation?

- ☐ Coaches
- ☐ Players
- ☐ Players
- ☐ Members of the media
- ☐ Fans

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The What

What should be discussed?

- Any game situations

Especially specific situations/calls, including play context (time/field position/ score/ possession/etc.), officials' positioning, et al.

- Any rules applications or interpretations or mechanics

- Game management issues

- Keep discussion on directly observable behaviors, stay away from attitude type discussions

- Input from crew for any reports to assigning authority about unsportsmanlike penalties, "unusual situations" or coaches conduct

- Other concerns

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The Where

Where should this conversation take place?

- ☐ Away from the public
- ☐ Some place safe
- ☐ At the official's car
- ☐ If the officials car-pooled, great conversation for the ride home
- ☐ Perhaps as the officials are changing

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The Why

Why should this conversation take place?

- Great learning opportunity
- We learn more from our mistakes....
- With a game fresh in our mind it is easier to recall details and specifics of a given play to discuss
- A chance to work through a play and what an official might or might not have done differently
- Get feedback from a more experienced official

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The How

How should this conversation take place?

- Honesty between all parties involved is critical
- Be generous (and honest) with praise; limit negative or "improvement" comments to 1 or 2 points.
- Willingness to own our mistakes and learn from them
- This is a *learning* opportunity, **not** a time to berate a fellow official
- Must ask questions. "What did you see?"
- Be an active listener

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Discussion questions

...or how to get the conversation started

- ☐ What could we (the crew) do better?
- ☐ How should have we handled . . . coach, situation, player, etc. ?
- ☐ What were you seeing/thinking when (then describe call/play)?
- ☐ What could we have done to make things go smoother?
- ☐ Did something come up that wasn't covered in the pre-game?

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- 4 “W” + 1 “H”; Discussion questions
- Great learning opportunity, especially for newer officials
- Candor is important
- Don’ t make someone feel bad about a mistake
- Don’ t be afraid to ask questions, even seemingly “dumb” questions

