

The Other Side of the Coin

Supporting Our Fellow Officials

In this weekly, I'd like us all to consider how we can better support our fellow official.

Our zone membership includes approximately 160 referees, with 90 that are actively working. What a resource to have! 90 people that share the same struggles, passions, anxieties and love of volleyball. Referees that we can discuss situations with, share information with, and most importantly support each other. We are a unique group of individuals...bound by the pressures that we often find ourselves under and much like the mafia, referees need to stand by each other. In fact, you'll probably find that the only people who want to hear about refereeing, are other referees. We need to use that 'mafia' strength more to encourage each other.

As we get into playoffs, as well as at some tournaments, we'll have more of an opportunity to work as a team. Talk with your fellow referee. We should all take every opportunity to ask our fellow referee how their season is going; how their last match went. As an experienced referee, it is your responsibility to encourage our newer referees. For those of you new to refereeing, please utilize the experience of any referees that you may get to work with. Take a moment at the end of your match to support each other as we are the most powerful tool our association has!

Until the next toss of the coin....

