



"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute messages designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl's insights on officiating.

## **Primary Areas**

In just about every single basketball game ever played, there are times where fans will turn to each other and wonder, "why did that official make the call when there was another member of the crew that was a whole lot closer to the play?"

The most important thing in all of officiating and especially basketball officiating is angle is the most important element for an official.

There will be many times during the game that the official that is closest to the play actually has the worst look or the worst angle. Many times the player is going up in the lane for that shot, and the whistle will come from one of the two outside officials because they had the perfect angle to see all the elements of the play and can rule correctly.

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