

DALLAS BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION  
*Statement of Professional Responsibility*

The following is expected of all DBOA members.

**1. Each DBOA member is expected to work their accepted game assignments.**

Emergency situations do arise from time to time, but each member should minimize the potential for these situations. A member shall ensure they are available for the assignment prior to accepting it, and shall not return a DBOA assignment to work an assignment through another chapter. A report shall be filed by ALL officials on the assignment for any official who is not present for an assignment, including the absent official. An official who misses an assignment will pay a fine and will appear before the board to explain the absence.

**2. Each DBOA member is expected to arrive on time for their assignments.**

On time means at least 1 hour prior to a varsity assignment (or an assignment that includes at least one varsity game), and at least 30 minutes prior to other assignments (waived for assignments starting prior to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays). A report shall be filed by ALL officials on the assignment for any official arriving later than these guidelines or after the starting time for ANY game. Fines for being late can be imposed on any late arriving official at the discretion of the board and the ethics committee.

**3. Each DBOA member is expected to have a professional appearance for all game assignments.**

Members are expected to be dressed professionally (no shorts, flip-flops, faded jeans, etc.) when they arrive to the site for their game assignment. Members are further expected to wear the prescribed UIL and DBOA uniform while working their games. Members shall also be appropriately groomed.

**4. Each DBOA member is expected to interact with other officials in a professional manner.**

Don't complicate an already difficult job by making unflattering or unprofessional remarks to or about another DBOA member at any time. You are expected to resolve disagreements about rules and mechanics with your co-official(s) for that assignment and, if necessary, bring unresolved issues to the appropriate DBOA representative. Personal animosity, regardless of the circumstances, has no place in DBOA.

**5. Each DBOA member is expected to interact with coaches, players, and school personnel in a professional manner.**

Our responsibility to players, coaches and administrators is to conduct our business in a professional manner at all times. If their behavior is less than professional, we shall enforce the conduct rules and, in required situations, make reports to UIL and DBOA. It is a mistake to assume that comments made away from the court or in a dressing room can not be overheard.

**6. Each DBOA member is expected to deal with spectators in a professional manner.**

Comments from spectators shall generally be ignored. While there is no need to refrain from exchanging pleasantries, the appropriate way to handle spectator problems is through the school personnel as outlined in the rules and mechanics manual and to make necessary reports to UIL and DBOA.

Chronic offenders of any of these provisions will appear before the board to explain their behavior. In addition to the previously stated penalties, the board may, at their discretion, leave the official off post-season lists or terminate the official's schedule altogether.

***I hereby acknowledge that I have read the DBOA Statement of Professional Responsibility and for the consideration of being a member of DBOA, I agree to be bound by its terms.***

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Member's Printed Name

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Signature

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Date