



Elite Development



Module 3
Fundamentals of a Quality Official

Qualities of a Linesman



In groups, discuss what are the qualities of:

- an average linesman?
- a good linesman?
- a great linesman?

Average Linesman



- shows up minutes before the game
- out for a skate
- does just enough to do their duty
- no pride in the craft
- no pre-game prep
- in it for the money
- doesn't try to improve steadily
- doesn't take constructive criticism
- in it for themselves (no team)

Good Linesman



- gets to the rink in advance to prepare
- works with partners as a team
- rule/procedure knowledge
- ability to identify changes in the intensity of the game
- in proper position when required
- does more than required of them
- have discussions with partners before/during and after the game
- gives/takes criticism to constantly improve

Great Linesman



- controls what they can control through both physical and mental preparation before and after the game
- rule/procedure knowledge
- active/engaged in the game at all times
- constant conversation with partners
- on-ice ability to be at the right place at the right time
- constantly improving and trying to help others reach potential

A photograph of three ice hockey players in black and white jerseys huddled together on an ice rink. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be clearly visible over it. The background shows the ice and some blurred figures in the distance.

**"TO BE TRULY
GREAT, ONE MUST
STAND WITH PEOPLE
NOT ABOVE THEM"**

RECORE

Qualities of a Referee



In groups, discuss what are the qualities of:

- an average referee?
- a good referee?
- a great referee?

Average Referee



- shows up minutes before the game
- out for a skate
- does just enough to do their duty
- no pride in the craft
- no pre-game prep
- in it for the money
- doesn't try to improve steadily
- doesn't take constructive criticism
- in it for themselves (no team)

Good Referee



- gets to the rink in advance to prepare
- works with partners as a team
- rule/procedure knowledge
- ability to identify changes in the intensity of the game
- in proper position when required
- does more than required of them
- have discussions with partners before/during and after the game
- gives/takes criticism to constantly improve

Great Referee



- controls what they can control through both physical and mental preparation before and after the game
- active/engaged in the game at all times
- constant conversation with partners
- rule/procedure knowledge
- on-ice ability to be at the right place at the right time
- willing to admit faults and provide solutions to move forward
- constantly improving and trying to help others reach potential

SMALL THINGS, DONE CONSISTENTLY,
CREATE MAJOR IMPACT.

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