

One Goal Sports Basketball 2009-10

Did the referees seem prepared and knowledgeable? (please specify which age)

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Yes

Didn't seem to be consistent when making calls; sometimes would not make call when needed.

We agree. There is always room for improvement. Officiating games is a tuff task. We'll definatley continue to support and train the referees. Thank you for your input!

No. Often the refs called very differently from each other and didn't always maintain order. I was truly concerned for the childrens' safety at one game in which the other team was excessively physical and simply calling fouls didn't improve the situation. It took a conversation with the coach by OGS staff to improve the situation and that coach was heard complaining to his players and their parents after the game. There were approximately 12 or more jump ball calls in the first quarter (no reaching in calls or the like).

Different referees will always call games differently. This does not excuse management of physical play. It's taught that safety is top priority. We apologize if a game escalated to a physical level that was uncomfortable. It is as much a coach responsibility to see and resolve player issues as it is a referee's duty. Sports is a wierd thing because it's so easy to get caught up in the moment that coaches often fail to notice certain things happening. Thank you for your input!

yes

yes

More time teaching for this age group... Unsure what justified a foul, a penalty, etc...

Teaching is so essential regardless of what age bracket a child is in. Every referee is taught to manage the game as well as serve as an on-the-field coach. Thank you for your input!

The referees were very well prepared and very considerate of each child, even teaching as they blew the whistle for different calls.

We are glad you noticed some level of teaching taking place by the referees. That tells us that someone is doing something right. Thank you for your input!

Some calls I did not agree with, but it's tough to please everyone. For the most part, I thought they were very competent and controlled the games very well.

You are right! From time to time we all disagree with or see things differently when it comes to sports. We're glad that you see some level of competence with One Goal referees. Thank you for your input!

There was some inconsistency, but for 8-9 year olds I thought it was fine.

We assume the inconsistency you are referring pertains to fouls/violations. We hope to improve our referee performance from week to week. There's definitely inconsistency with the officials if personnel changes from one week to the next. If the consistency deals with fouls being called against one team but not another especially if both are committing the same violations, we apologize. We hope to improve in the future. Thank you for your input!

The red headed girl was outstanding. Some of the boys were not as involved and giving direction as much as they could have done. These guys do well with court reminders each time there are changeovers.

She has drastically improved over the past two years. She is a true joy and bundle of fun. She sets a great example worth following. Thank you for your input!

Not really. Referees were very inconsistent. At times it seemed like they were not taking it seriously.

We apologize for the less than positive experienced your received on behalf of the referees. We will definitely work on this. We hope you see an improvement in future seasons. Thank you for your input!

Seemed to need more consistency in the play calling. Some of the refs would call more strict than others. Even taking a little time to explain what the call was for. Appreciated this approach. Other refs wouldn't call much of anything and the kids would get a little rough, running with the ball, and multi-dribbling. But, I know it's hard to find the right balance at this age.

Your're right! Balance is everything and making sure every referee calls the same style of game is tough. We are glad you saw a ref or two taking the time to explain calls and really focus on teaching the fundamentals by calling the obvious violations. Thank you for your input!

Yes

Great!

Yes. Although at times the referee stopped and tried to coach too much. At one point they actually used around 2 minutes of the game clock. I think it is important to let the coaches coach and the referees officiate. I understand at this age it is difficult, but stopping the game completely and huddling all of the kids up for the ref to lead a discussion is excessive. This age kids just want to dribble the ball :)

It's good to know that they took the time to teach the players; however, taking 2 minutes is way too long. You're right! It's important for coaches to focus more on working with their players, regardless of calls or non-calls during play. Our philosophy is that it's much more important to teach your players through adversity than spending so much time talking with the referees. We teach our referees that if a particular foul/violation appears excessive, the referee needs to stop play (clock should stop), rally the players together, and clearly explain what's wrong and how to correct it. Thanks for the input!

I would like to see the referees spend time explaining to the kids what the issue is when they blow the whistle on them. This would allow the kids to learn from their mistakes.

We do encourage our referees to explain issues when the whistle is blown. On the flip side, there's a fine balance to this art so that stoppage of play is not excessive. It's important to keep play moving. We'll definitely work on this in the future. Thanks for the input!

didn't think they called enough walking and other moving violation type penalties

From what I saw, I agree. Every year this is a challenge because we want the players to be able to play without stalling the game too much. On the other hand, it's important for the players to learn and develop and the only way for this to happen is by calling it more tightly from start to finish. We'll work on this. Thanks for the input!

Not really.

If by your response you mean that the referees were NOT knowledgeable and/or prepared, we encourage you to provide us with concrete thoughts so that we can work to improve our deficiencies. Thanks for your input!

Yes, they were lenient when they needed strict when they needed

We are glad you noticed these things and that you were pleased with their performance. Thanks for the input!

Did not like that they would stop the game but not the clock to talk to a child. It seemed to waste valuable play time.

Great point and observation. Anytime referee explanation takes place, the clock should stop. We do not want to penalize playing time in light of a teachable moment. We are sorry for this. We will correct this for future seasons. Thanks for your input!

Yes, I thought they did a great job

Great! We are glad you had a positive experience from our referees. Thanks for your input!

6 to 7 yes ☑
8 to 9 no they did not know the rules for when you could press or play man.

Great for the 6-7 yr olds. We're sorry for the discouragement in the 8-9 yr old division. One Goal Sports does not allow a press. The only two forms of defense allowed are man-to-man and 2-3 zone. If by press you mean "double teams", double teams for man-to-man and zone are permitted inside the 3-point line. In a man-to-man, the defense can pick up the man as soon as they cross half-court. We plan to adjust this ruling for next season. Next year, we'll possibly enforce that the defense must allow the offense to get to the 3-point line before they can start defending. The reason for this is that we want the offensive players to get a chance to get the offense going. Some defenses were so good and aggressive that they stole the ball as soon as the offense crossed half-court. Thanks for your input!

No they were not prepared or knowledgeable.

We are sorry for the discouraging experience. It would help us if you would've provided us with constructive feedback so that we can try to improve in areas of deficiency. Thanks for the input!

some of them did and some did not

We are happy that you received some positive experience from our referees. However, it would help us if you'd provide us with constructive feedback so that we can further improve in areas of deficiency. Thanks for the input!

Some confusion, but for the most part, I think they do a very good job.

Good. Not great, but good. If you have any constructive feedback that will help us prepare for future seasons, we will greatly welcome it. Thanks for the input!

Everything seemed very fair and professional.

Wonderful. We are glad you received a positive experience. Thanks for the input!

My son loved it and, as a family we enjoyed the comfortable and friendly atmosphere during the Saturday games. The party at the end of the year was really nice - thanks. The best part though, was the kind and gentle guidance of Jason, our coach. It really made the experience fun and educational without adding the "stress-feast" which seems inevitable when adults watch a group of kids with a ball.

We are thrilled with your experience. We hope, above all else, that you and your family learned and experienced the love of Jesus through sports. Thanks for the input!