BOARD #111 CODE OF CONDUCT

Commitment to the Game

1. **Integrity in Officiating:** Officials shall act as guardians of the game, demonstrating integrity, fairness, impartiality, and respect in every decision they make.
2. **Mastery of the Craft:** Officials shall dedicate themselves to continuous learning, refining their knowledge of the rules, floor mechanics, procedures, and signals to ensure the highest standards of officiating.

Professionalism

3. **Respectful Interactions:** Officials shall treat all—players, coaches, administrators, other game personnel, and the public—with professionalism and respect, regardless of the circumstances.
4. **Positive Representation:** Officials shall carry themselves with dignity on and off the court, recognizing that their behavior reflects on the entire officiating community.
5. **Substance-Free Commitment:** Officials shall abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and use of illicit or recreational drugs on the day of a contest until departing the competition site, ensuring they remain fully capable of performing their duties.

Responsibility to Safety and Fair Play

6. **Prioritizing Safety:** Officials shall remain vigilant to potential safety hazards and take proactive measures to protect participants from harm.
7. **Encouraging Sportsmanship:** Officials shall foster an environment of respect and fair play, addressing unsporting behavior promptly and consistently.

Commitment to Excellence

8. **Preparedness:** Officials shall arrive at assignments on time, physically, mentally, and emotionally ready, with a focus on professionalism in appearance and demeanor.
9. **Accountability:** Officials shall take ownership of their performance, seeking constructive feedback and learning from experiences to continuously improve.

Collaboration and Development

10. **Teamwork:** Officials shall work collaboratively with fellow officials and coordinators to uphold the shared goals of the profession.
11. **Cooperation:** Collaborate respectfully with organizations officially connected to the game of basketball, refraining from negative or disparaging remarks, and working together to promote the sport's interests and values.

12. **Mentorship and Education:** Officials shall contribute to the growth of the officiating community by mentoring new officials and sharing knowledge to advance the profession.

Ethical Standards

13. **Avoiding Conflicts:** Officials shall avoid any actions or relationships that could compromise their impartiality or create the appearance of bias.
14. **Responsible Communication:** Officials shall maintain discretion in their communications, refraining from unprofessional or derogatory remarks in public forums through media and/or social media.

Commitment to the Profession

15. **Upholding Excellence:** Officials shall embrace the responsibility of representing IAABO with pride, working to elevate the standards and reputation of the organization.
16. **Advancing Opportunity:** Officials shall actively support equal opportunity and inclusion within the officiating community, fostering a welcoming and respectful environment for all.

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