

Good morning!!!

Welcome to the Tip of the Day 2023-24!!!! Hoops season 2023-24 starts today! Scrimmages will be in full swing in a week and the regular season in 2 weeks! It is an exciting time of year for all the teams as well as those of us in stripes!

The Tip of the Day will hopefully generate thought and discussion about plays! Will you agree with me on all of them? No – heck, my best friends (you know who you are!) argue about plays on a regular basis! THAT makes us better by having meaningful discussion and viewpoints about plays. I learn *something* with nearly every play I see or is sent to me!17, 2

Before we get into what seems like a continual sequence of games between now and February, let's take a moment to reflect a little. Let's remember those who paved the way for us, those who are no longer with us since last season and those who are most important to us.

Those who paved the way for us – our mentors. Take a minute the next week or so to send an email, text, make a phone call, tell in person, or send a prayer upward to that person or people who gave you those words of wisdom, supported you when you had a rough game and helped you get through that first year and to where you are today!

Some of our mentors passed since last season and should be honored with a moment just for them.

Finally, make sure to use the next two weeks to do something special with those who support us when we leave and are waiting when we get home and spend more time on the phone with us than in-person at times. Those family members and significant others help and support us as officials because they love us and see how important officiating is to us.

JUST ONE.....Lastly, the PIAA is ALWAYS looking for new officials, and the PIAA Jr Official's program is a GREAT way to 'give back' by taking a new official under your wing! Go out and recruit **JUST ONE** new official!

Hope you have a GREAT season and are able to share your expertise with someone else this season!

Have a great week and be ready for scrimmages next Friday!

Tim