

PROGRAM OF YOUNG REFEREES PREPARATION



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Nowadays there are a lot of young referees in practice of sport officiating who come to officiating without basic knowledge of the game and sport. The system of referee's preparation in basketball, especially young referees, is developed not so dynamically, systematically as basketball itself.

Today's education and selection of young referees in basketball occurs during tournaments, referee's clinics and camps where the different levels of the preparedness of beginning referees from different regions are obvious. From this we can make conclusion about developing united program of referees' preparation which would include education of both parts: beginning and experienced referees from all regional federations. The program would contribute to involving experienced referees into professional realization as teachers of young referees.

Introduction of the united program of referees' preparation contains also social task and increases interest to referees' activities and job. Even if not every one of them will become top referee, nevertheless it will increase overall interest to the basketball in the whole country.

The task of the program:

- Creation of general idea about the professional activity of basketball referee;
- Formation of system of knowledge, skills and officiating practices for the beginning referees;
- Motivation of experienced referees who is finishing the officiating career to work with young referees as teachers;
- Expansion (extension) of referee's number in regions;
- System of improvement of referee's preparations;
- Improvement of the quality of officiating;
- Basketball popularization in regions.

Referees preparation program assumes systematic operation. The four years course of training for beginning referees is proposed. It is possible to conduct the course as facultative in Institutes of High Education, Colleges of physical culture and also in regional federations (schools of young referees) and also in sport schools. Education starts approximately in August (September) before the beginning of the season.

Program includes theoretical and practical parts: study of rules, interpretations, two and three man mechanics of officiating, method of cooperation of referees on the court and with table officials, psychological preparation, practical officiating of the games of different level with video discussions (analysis). It is necessary also that beginning referees would have basic knowledge of basketball. Theoretical and practical trainings (lessons) are carried out once a week.

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