

Referee's General Guidelines for 4th grade and Down

1. Know the PAA Charlie Brown Lucy League & Crosscheck Rules. They can be found at www.metroofficials.com or from the "Forms" link at www.thearbiter.net.

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2. Officials are to meet before each game with the coaches. Officials will inform coaches of the following:
 - a. Priorities:
 - i. Children are to have fun
 - ii. They are to properly learn the game
 - iii. Then winning. (This is for the coaches)
 - b. Inform coaches you will enforce floor violations depending on the child's skill level. This will vary from child to child. Enforce violations if the play could affect the outcome of the game. Example: Player A double dribbles in open court not being challenged. Stop play instruct child . Put ball back in play out of bounds.. Player B double dribbles while going in for a layup or floor shot. The DD is enforced and ball goes the other way.
 - c. Let the coaches know you are approachable in between qtrs. and at half. The coach might want you to call harder on one of his players. "He wants the kid to learn the right way". Accommodate the coach. When both coaches agree on how to call, then go with their recommendation. If they disagree, you make the decision on how to call but let them both know what you are doing. Do everything in your power to avoid confrontations. When the coach starts "officiating", politely ask him/her to speak with you at the next stop of the game.
 - d. There will be some over aggressive coaches that believe winning is priority. Be polite and quietly ask them to not make a scene with ½ or ¾ graders. The kids don't need to see controversy. Try and avoid the controversy with thorough front-end communication. Allow the communication to continue through-out the game.