

## SHAKING HANDS (REFEREES WITH PLAYERS)

This is the biggest concern thus far this season.

Shaking hands at the team representative's meeting is acceptable.

Post-match, if the Captains shake the officials' hand, that is acceptable. Keep in mind the toot and scoot policy emphasized by NYSCVOA.

The issue is when during team introductions, the athletes shake the opposing coach's hand and then the officials.

- 1- There is a professionalism issue if the members of one team go and try to shake hands with the referees while the members of the other team go directly to their positions on the court;
- 2- Referees are not part of the "show". The teams may or may not want to shake hands with each other, but the referees should avoid shaking hands with the players at this time;
- 3- Some referees just do not like to shake hands for a variety of reasons including colds, flu season, personal preference, etc. The shaking of player's hands puts those referees in an uncomfortable position;
- 4- Some NYSCVOA Boards have a policy of not shaking hands with the players. This presents a problem at regional and state play when referees ignore or indicate to a team that they will not shake the hands of anyone.

This may be an unpopular directive, but the less physical contact we have with student athletes the better.

BY: NYSCVOA Executive Committee

By now, all of you should know that the NYSCVOA written test is on line. You are going to have to do your best to preserve the integrity of the test especially when it involves individuals that are required to take a closed book test due to the rating (upgrading) process.

I hope all of you have a great season, and if you have any questions regarding rules and/or techniques, please ask your Board's interpreter to forward them to me.

Thanks

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