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ADRENALINE

It's a rush to be in the moment and have to make the big decision.







MONEY TALKS

There is no better part-time job or hobby for people to make a little extra money.







LIFE SKILLS

Officiating teaches great life skills — helping you beyond officiating. For example, time is of the essence — no game can start when officials are late.







GOOSEBUMPS

Officiating provides goosebumps in spades. The hair-raising moments are memories that make up who we are.







LOVE OF SPORTS

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We truly enjoy the intricacies of the sports we work.







TEAMWORK

No one official can carry a crew. The best officiating events require the dedication, togetherness and ability of all officials to be a team of one.







GIVE BACK

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ESCAPE

Once an official steps onto the court, field, ice or pitch, everyday problems seem to fade away.







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3 REVERENCE FOR THE RULES

Play by the rules regardless of what others are saying.



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The amount of passion officials have is off the charts. Passion to get plays right is what drives us.

What official is not ready for his or her next game after the last? More games? We'll take them. It's an addiction that only officials understand.



Who doesn't like getting paid to exercise? There is little motivation needed to get you to work out through officiating.

NEVER THE SAME **PERSONALITIES**

Every game is unique and takes its own form. For the work of an official, no two days are the same.



Interactions with the players.

coaches and other officials are

great. Officiating allows you to channel your inner psychologist

with all the personalities involved



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Everyone starts at the amateur levels and some ascend to the top of the profession. There's nothing wrong with staying at a particular level. But if you want to climb, apportunity is there.

OTHERS THINKING Ever talk to someone

and they look at you like you're crazy? 00 Officials have the unique ability to enjoy doing a job the average person thinks

is impossible. When everyone runs away, we thrive on doing what no one else could imagine putting up with.

After a long work day, venting with the

familiar sounds, smells and feels of the

sport is a joy. Whether it's the swish of

a net, the smack of a ball, the smell of

the dirt or the squeak of sneakers, we

DEDICATION

To truly be a good

official, at any level

requires dedication.

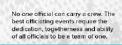
all have something that perks us up.

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The amount of mental energy and physical demands is unmatched. Laser-sharp focus is required for the entire game.



With a lot of action going on and a lot of noise, you have to sort out what exactly matters. There can be no fear or favor - just deciding on matters based on rule.



You are out of your comfort zone like

in no other job, hobby or activity.

It is important for officials to think with a clear mind. Officiating teaches independent thinking and the ability to see the big picture - a skill that translates outside of officiating.

Officials stay engaged and a part of the game they once played. The connection lasts well beyond their playing



35 DOOR OPENER

Every game - no matter the venue,

challenge. Nothing is mundane or an

player abilities or teams - is a

easy task.

Officials are identified and associated with the sport(s) they work. People know who the good officials are. They recognize you outside of officiating.

COACH



Many officials have coached or considered coaching. With officiating there is only a given time parents can complain. Coaches on the other hand have parents always complaining with no filter.

Make a decisioi

You have to make quick and accurate judgments. Your training, experience and powers of observation will be challenged constantly.



25 GIVE BACK

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Officials enjoy the drive toward excellence. While knowing that perfection cannot be achieved. there is still great satisfaction in trying to achieve perfection.

tremendous pressure on them to make correct decisions. Toughness is taught when we get a decision wrong and immediately drop it to get the next one right.

Officials learn how to have inner strength and self-confidence. To truly excel in officiating, one must deliver in both categories

In life, there are always setbacks. Officials have

Being congratulated on accomplishments by peers, whether it's a playoff game or a state tournament game, is rewarding.

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You are expected to have

37 GOOSEBUMPS

high character, on and off the court or field. Many enjoy living up to the demands of being an official.

to take in some amazing sites while you work a game.

No official would say the job is stress-free. Officiating though stressful at times — also provides stress relief from our daily lives. Officials learn to balance stress through direct involvement in stressful situations.



36 VANTAGE POINT

SKILLS

TRAVEL Officials travel to many different

places - interesting or historic venues and towns or

places people likely would never visit. It's a great way



It's the game within the game — not just watching the teams or the game.

It's great seeing the growth of fellow

officials or your own growth. We

improvement is special.

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The longer you work, the more memories you will build. Some will be the great games; others the talented players. Most importantly, you'll remember your great partners and mentors.



Like Harley Davidson riders, there is no community like officials. When it comes down to it, during a game, officials' only true friends are fellow officials. Many of them become your closest friends - lifelong friends.











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