



4th REFEREE – AN ADDED VALUE

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INTRODUCTION

The recent developments in the major FIBA Competitions have proved that the Stand-By has a very active role during the game and therefore the title is changed into 4th Referee.

This document explains the role and tasks of a 4th Referee referee during the game, when applicable.

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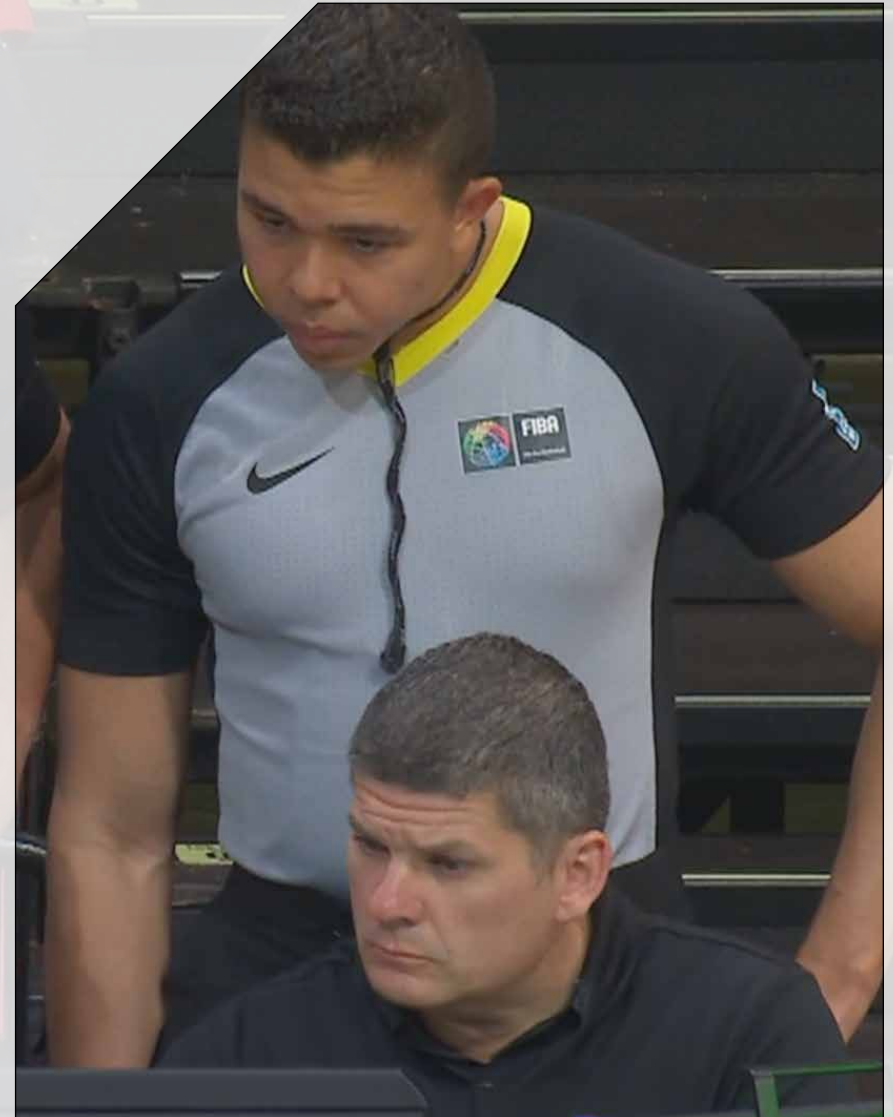
ROLE, TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES

BEFORE THE GAME

- to be involved in the scouting process and pre-game preparation meeting.
- agree on the in-game communication protocol with the crew (when, and how to give necessary information).
- entering the court with the crew (in this way players and coaches will "recognize" him/her as part of the officiating team).

DURING THE GAME

- to observe, understand, and analyze the game flow.
- to stay engaged with the crew decisions and criteria the crew has established.
- to take notes on game details (team fouls by quarter, technical and unsportsmanlike fouls, time-outs).
- monitor the shot clock and game clock to be able to assist if there is a problem.
- monitor that the correct players are taking the free throws.
- monitor that the referees are reporting fouls on the correct player.
- be prepared to assist with IRS reviews as necessary.
- to provide accurate and helpful information when needed, in terms of fact-based and rule-based explanations.
- to take over on-court officiating duties if needed due to a colleague's injury or any other unforeseen circumstances.
- to maintain integrity ensuring the smooth transition and continuity of the game flow previously established.





HALF-TIME

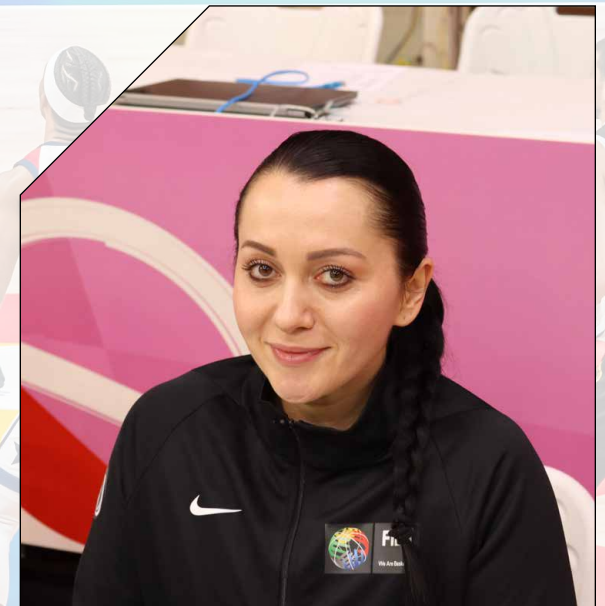
- assist with access to changing room, refreshments, and towels.
- if requested by the crew, share any pertinent information and observations.
- expect to be invited into the conversation by the crew, be ready to offer comments on matters the crew may not be aware of or don't identify in their halftime debrief.

AFTER THE GAME

- participate in the post-game by sharing any pertinent information or observations.
- be a supportive member of the team.

THE MINDSET BEHIND THE PREPARATION

- **Solution-oriented:** quick decision-making if needed in unexpected replay situations.
- **Reliable and supportive:** to be collaborative with a proactive professional approach to the game and the crew.
- **Adaptable and efficient:** when necessary be ready to replace a colleague on the court.



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