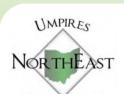




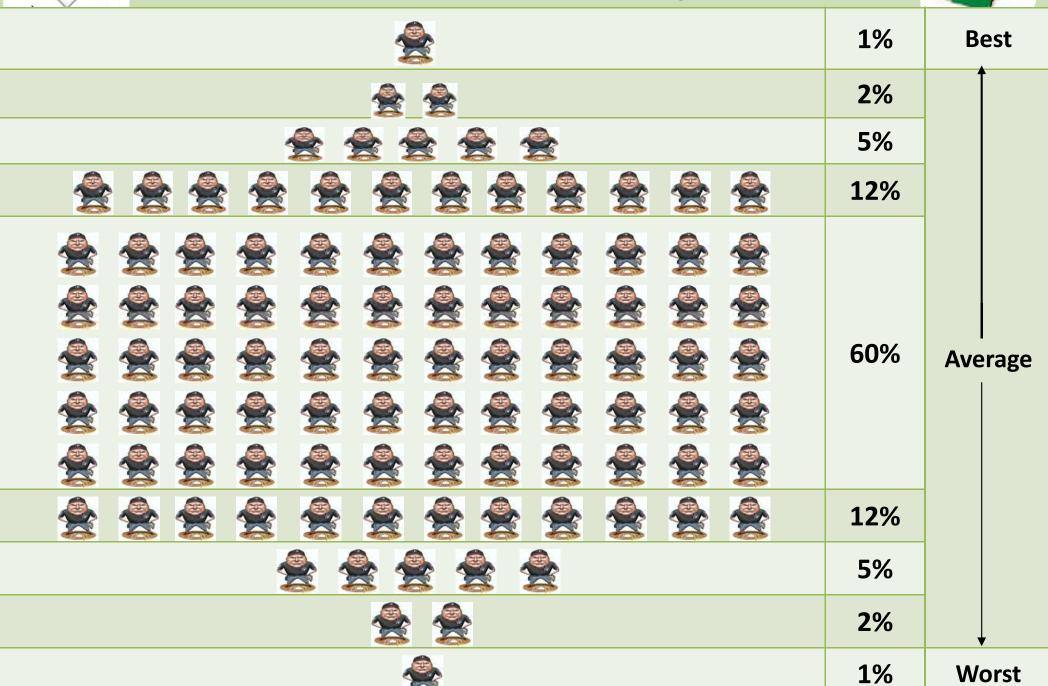
BEYOND THE BOOK

IMPROVING YOUR GAME



Distribution of Umpires

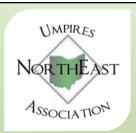








The Art of Officiating





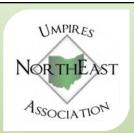
Science vs. Art

Science

- Systematized knowledge in general.
- Knowledge, as of facts or principles.
- Knowledge gained by systematic study

ART

- The principles or methods governing any craft or branch of learning.
- Skill in conducting any human activity.
- Quality or production of a behavior by a studied action





Build Your Schedule

• The "Rookie"

- Struggle to get enough games to fill the schedule
- Can become discouraged by the perception of "politics"

• The "6/25ers"

- The competitive spirit kicks in
- Desire to "move up" in level

The "Veteran"

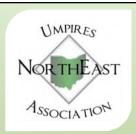
- Become selective (picky) about game assignments
- Can become complacent





Build Your Schedule

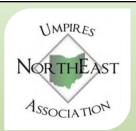
- Don't be pushy about assignments.
 - Be aware of the nature of assigning
 - Am I qualified?
- Know how to turn back a game.
 - Do it early
 - Offer a replacement
 - DO NOT LIE!!!
- Pay it forward.
 - If someone helps you out, help them out





Work Together

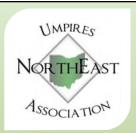
- Develop the relationship with your partner
 - Pregame is extra important if you have not worked together before
- Put the horn back in its case
 - Limit talk about the number of games you have worked or all of the "big" games you have called
- A little goes a long way
 - During the game, tell your partner when they make a good call.





Between The Lines

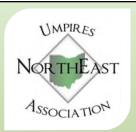
- No set of written rules can completely cover a sporting contest
- Human activity necessitates human judgment
- Understand the "philosophy" of officiating
 - Rules enforced with reason
 - Reflects the relative merit of play
- Look like you've been in a jock strap before
 - Game management techniques
 - Give the impression that you've been there before
 - Exercise appropriate enthusiasm





Self Portrait- Why do I do this?

- Money...anyone else not getting rich from this?
- To stay in shape...round is a shape!
- Associate with young people...half of whom will think of you as public enemy #1 on every close call!
- The love of the game...talk about co-dependency in an abusive relationship!
- IT PLAYS TO OUR STRENGTHS!
 - We have dominance characteristics
 - We like to be in charge
 - We like to make decisions under pressure
 - We are goal oriented
 - We are strong willed
- We are ripe for arrogance





The Cure For Arrogance

Humility

- Deference is the heart of humility
 - Placing the needs and desires of others before my own
- Give credit where credit is due
 - Other officials who mentored you
 - Assignors
- Realize that there are other officials out there who can do as well, if not better, than you.
- Cultivation of the sense of providence