

STEPS OR CIRCLE OF CRITICISM / STEPS OR CIRCLE OF AFFIRMATION

One of the key points to becoming a **Winning Coach** is to know your role in the Steps of Affirmation. Actions and reactions on the court will have a lasting effect that either opens or closes the door to good sportsmanship. The Steps of Criticism and the Steps of Affirmation are simple concepts that illustrate the results of a coach giving a referee either positive or negative feedback.

- >The Steps of Criticism begins when the coach gives a negative response to a right of wrong call made by a referee.
- >The coach's example gives the parent and child the implied permission to react negatively toward the referee.
- >The parent's and coach's example causes the child to assume that it is acceptable to react in the same way. The result is a negative attitude toward authority

In Montgomery Village Basketball, coaches and referees will work together as a Unified team.

Coaches have the **OPPORTUNITY** and the **RESPONSIBILITY** to stop the Steps Of Criticism by starting the Steps of Affirmation instead.

- >The Steps of Affirmation begin when the coach gives a positive response to a right or wrong call made by the referee.
- >The coach's example influences the parent and child to react positively toward the referee.
- >The coach's and parent's example encourages the child to give a positive response. The result is a positive attitude towards authority.

The Steps of Affirmation goes beyond the referee. A coach's affirmation of players **INSPIRES** encouragement and positive comments from parents, family members, and other players. Practicing Steps of Affirmation makes the game a better experience for **EVERYONE** involved.

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