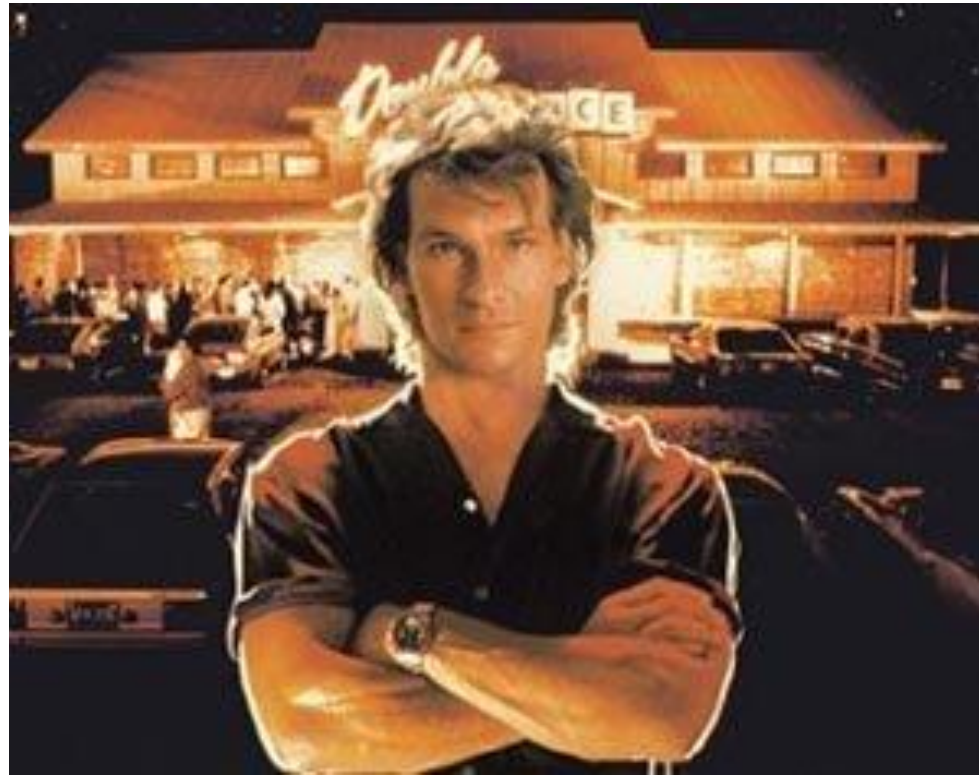


Game Management

Dealing With Conflict

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- Rule 1: Never Underestimate Your Opponent
- Rule 2: Take It outside
- Rule 3: Be Nice

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/xhr3c5_dalton-states-three-simple-rules_shortfilms

Roadhouse Bouncer Is Like A Referee Because...

- Both manage a defined area filled with different individuals each day.
- Both are constantly on the lookout for anything that might spark an altercation
- Both spend more time than the average person dealing with individuals who are not always on their best behavior.
- Both must maintain a professional demeanor when one or more people start acting out in anger.

Never Underestimate Your Opponent

- Rivalry Game?
- Top team vs. Bottom Team (Blow Out)?
- Bad Blood?

Knowing The Answer To These Questions Helps An Official To Be on Guard And To “Expect The Unexpected”.

Never Underestimate Your Opponent

- Go Into Your Game Eyes Wide Open
- Don't Fall Asleep/Get Lulled
- Read The A.R.s applicable to each Rule

(Add Odd Ball Experiences with Odd Ball rules)

Take it Outside

- Don't Make Or Work To Avoid An Argument With A Coach For World To See
- Walk The Coach Off The Field – Put Him Back In His Pen
- This allows Moment To Cool As He Back-Tracks Off Your Turf Back Into His Appointed Area (Coaches Box)
- Bring Heat Down, Don't Respond To Yell With Same
- Penalize If Need Be: Coolly, Calmly

Be Nice

- The Golden Rule: Do Unto Others As...
- Cools The Situation Down (Judo)
- Draw A line If It's Not Working – Be Cool And Penalize Accordingly To Get Desired Result And To Show You're The One Who's Performing Their Duties Appropriately
- Consider Levels Of Play As To Where That Line Is Drawn
 - Youth < High School < HS Playoff < College, etc.

Check Yourself

- You can't control anyone's behavior whether I'm wearing stripes or not, but I can control my attitude.
- Be nice until it's time to not be nice
- This mindset is not a cure-all. It will not decrease the number of incidents you run into on the field, but it will decrease the number of escalated incidents, because you're not adding gasoline to the fire.

Thank You

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