POST SEASON NOTES

Thank you for a good season of basketball officiating! Let’s all work hard to continually improve and give the players, coaches and their communities our best efforts. Remember the game is for them. We are keepers of the rules and must keep the playing conditions level and fair. We must “check our egos at the door” and give our best effort, every time in every game. We’ll all benefit from it. Positioning is improving and individual judgment has improved to the point that many are doing a good job in calling a basketball game. The hard parts of the game, judgment, game management and philosophy, are improving to the point we’re all getting closer to being on the same page. The easy parts, the use of proper signals and mechanics that all can practice are not being consistently used and applied. Simple items of stopping the clock with the hand up, reporting from the box, not turning backs to the players and lack of boxing in the action are postulates that we all should be consistently enforcing. We all must take the time to pay attention to these details to further promote consistency and proper enforcement of rules on a statewide basis. Some officials are using extra signals that are not approved by NFHS. Time-out signals for full and 30 seconds, the use of hand signals for closely guarded, incorrect blocking signals are being used. Please refrain from these types of actions. They hurt an official’s credibility.

Only the home team ball will be used for the entire game. The visiting team will not supply a ball.

ARBITER FOR POST SEASON ASSIGNMENTS

The 2019 tournament will be assigned primarily via Arbiter. Therefore, we are asking you to keep all information up to date in Arbiter, such as closed dates, contact information, school affiliations, etc. School affiliations will be available to block in the coming days. Please keep your availability calendar updated in Arbiter at all times. When assignments are released for each round, the person listed first will be the Crew Chief. The Crew Chief is responsible for contacting their crew and the game manager, just as in previous years. All contact information will be available via Arbiter. Additionally, this season there is still a paper contract many of you are used to using from past years. Since this in our first venture with Arbiter, we are also using the paper contracts.
HEADBANDS AND WRISTBANDS (3-5-4)

Too many officials are permitting illegal equipment, especially headbands that are too wide. Wristbands and headwear shall meet the following guidelines: a. Headbands and wristbands shall be white, black, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and shall be the same color for each item and all participants. They must be the same color as any sleeve/ tights worn. See 3-6 for logo requirements. b. A headband is any item that goes around the entire head. It must be a circular design without extensions (no tails, even if tucked). If worn, only one headband is permitted, it must be worn on the forehead/crown, it must be nonabrasive and unadorned, and it must be a maximum of 2 inches wide. c. If worn, only one wristband is permitted on each wrist, each must be worn on the arm below the elbow, each must be moisture-absorbing, nonabrasive and unadorned, and each must be a maximum of 4 inches wide. d. Rubber, cloth or elastic bands may be used to control hair. Hard items, including, but not limited to, beads, barrettes and bobby pins, are prohibited. e. Head decorations and headwear, except those specified above, are prohibited.

COACHES BOX AND BEHAVIOR (1-13-2, 10-5-1, 10-6-1)

There is no game so “big” or so “small” that we should set aside the sportsmanship rules. Whether it is a championship or a junior high game, sporting behavior must be enforced. It is important to remember that the officials are in charge of the games and not the coaches. Assistant coaches and team members cannot stand and watch the game or yell instructions to players. The person allowed to stand is the Head Coach. Address this situation when it occurs and stop the lack of sideline enforcement. It causes too many problems for us especially when running the sideline on a fast break. Officials may issue a warning to the coach or the team bench. These warnings can be for conduct that is described in 10-5 or 10-6. If the offense is deemed to be major, the official shall assess a technical foul in either situation. A warning is not required prior to assessing a technical foul. These warnings will be recorded in the scorebook by the scorer and reported to the head coach.

The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer's and timer's table and team benches are located. The area shall be bounded by a line drawn 28 feet from the end line towards the Division line. At this point a line drawn from the sideline toward the team bench becomes the end of the coaching box going towards the end line. Two lines are required to mark the coaching box, at the 28’ mark and at the end line. Tape may be used to mark the box. No marks, no box! Merely mention at the pregame meeting that there will be no coaching box tonight since none is marked.

CONTACT ON BALL HANDLER/DRIBBLER (10-7-12)

Remember that the defender may not make illegal contact on the ball handler, even in the post and we should not allow the offense to gain an advantage by allowing him/her to use contact to create an advantage his/her way either.

Get these fouls and it helps clean up handson by the defense as well. If we did not call the ‘hook’ then that defender may start using his/her hands to try to not be put at a disadvantage and now we have made our game more difficult. It is important to pre-game about this type of illegal contact and how it is to be called as a crew throughout the contest.
PREGAME/POSTGAME CONFERENCE

The officiating pregame meeting is critical to the success of the crew. In the post season it is important to refresh the “basics,” but we should also discuss rules, mechanics, and philosophy in various situations. In addition, it may be useful to discuss the venue, player or team tendencies such as a zone defense, flex offense and where screens are likely to be set. Go beyond “good eye contact” and when to get the captains. Talk about sportsmanship and expectations as a crew for handling of this important aspect of the game. All crew members should bring something to contribute to a successful pregame. After the game it is important to respectfully discuss where YOU went wrong as an individual and anything the crew might have done better or differently. What call(s) did you wish you could have made or taken back? We all make mistakes every game and it is vital to our success to acknowledge and correct those mistakes going forward.

MEDIA TIMEOUTS

Inter-District Basketball Playoff Game Managers should inform game officials and both HEAD coaches at least 30 minutes prior to game time that the media time-out format will be used. Officials may want to inquire upon arrival at the game site so the procedures can be reviewed prior to court arrival. The following time-out format will be used only when radio or television media is present at the game:

TEAM TIME-OUTS:

- Each team will receive: Three (3) 60 second time-outs. Two (2) 30 second time-outs. One (1) extra 60 second time-out per extra period. This is in addition to any time-outs that have not been previously used. The extra time-out shall not be granted until after the ball becomes live to begin the extra period.

MEDIA TIME-OUTS:

- One (1) 70 second media time-out each quarter. This time-out shall occur at the first stoppage of play. Time out length may be altered by game management. under the 4:00 mark.

- There will be NO media time-out used in any extra period(s).

- Immediately upon recognition of a media time-out, the official nearest the table (or partner if he/she fails to immediately recognize the time-out) shall give a long blast of the whistle with an arm raised and point to the scorer's table with the other arm. This indicates the media time-out is taking place. Direct the scorer's table to start the time-out only after teams are in the vicinity of their benches.

- If the first stoppage under 4 minutes is for a team called time-out, this time-out will be granted but will not become the media time-out. On the next stoppage of play the media time-out will be taken.