

WMOA Basketball

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Association Official Action Positions

Proper equipment

When

addressing player arm sleeves or leg sleeves, visually confirm proper color (black, beige, white or single team color), and all other points regarding rule 3-5, art. 3, approach the head coach and say "Coach, all of the players with arm sleeves (or leg sleeves) are wearing them for medical purposes, right?" If coach confirms, then play on. If he says no, players will have to remove items in violation.

Official's pre-game protocol

There was

some concern from coaches about too much fraternization by some officials with some coaches. Therefore, the WMOA is endorsing the following pre-game protocol to ALL WMOA officials for all levels of high school and junior high school basketball games. Follow the "Guidelines for two conferences" as listed in appendix 1.7.1 of the NFHS BB official's manual.

In summary:

- At 15:00, officials enter court and go immediately to their designated spots.
- At 12:00, officials get captains at center court and discuss sportsmanship, proper direction, baskets, uniform color, speaking captains etc.
- At 10:00 or right after captains conference, R goes to table and checks scorebook for proper information, identify and discuss responsibilities with scorer and timer, and make game ball selection. Umpire(s) goes to designated spot(s) across from table. R joins them once done with table responsibilities
- At 1:30, all officials advance to bench areas and introduce themselves to, first, the visiting coaches, then home coaches. Discuss sporting behavior expectations and confirm legality of player equipment. Make any final introductions with table personnel.
- Prepare for anthem and player introductions. Decide before entry onto floor when crew will remove jackets, stand for anthem, hand on heart or not, etc.
- Go to designated spots for start of game.
- PLAY!

New mechanic

New 3

man rotation mechanic for fouls committed in backcourt, play advances to front court with NO FT's. Six scenarios. In all but 2 (trail opposite table or center opposite table making foul call) of the scenarios, the calling official will stay tableside as play resumes. Diagrams below:

Summary:

opposite table calls foul Go opposite table as new lead (Dia. 3-38)
table side calls foul Stay tableside as new lead (Dia. 3-39)
Lead opposite table calls fouls Stay tableside as new lead (Dia. 3-34)
Lead tableside calls foul Stay tableside as new lead (Dia. 3-35)
Center tableside calls foul Stay tableside as new lead (Dia. 3-36)
Center opposite table calls foul Go opposite as new lead (Dia. 3-37)

Trail
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Training

Materials

are available to all. We encourage all members to invest in (from www.nfhs.org) new rulebooks,

casebooks, official's manuals and (from www.referee.com) pre-season guides for rules changes and mechanics. These can be purchased in hardcopy for less (approx. \$35) than the cost of a SINGLE game fee. Some materials are also available in electronic form from two sites mentioned as well.

The OK conference as recently sent out a mass e-mail reviewing some concerns for the upcoming season regarding NFHS points of emphasis and rules changes. Be familiar with this information as well. The WMOA as well, endorses the points of emphasis and the rule changes along with the "tip" signal added to the officials mechanics library.

Good luck with the upcoming season.

Remember, there is no substitute for rules knowledge and proper mechanics along with good game management skills.

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