

## Clinic Notes for Sunday January 10, 2016

### Situations

1. We do not change the location of coaching boxes as long as they are both on the same side of the court. This is a home game management prerogative.
2. If there were 2 consecutive technical fouls on the same player during the same deadball, the penalty would be 4 free throws, the ball out of bounds at the division line, opposite the table, and ejection of the player committing the two technical fouls
3. If a player is intentionally fouled in the act of shooting and even though the try is successful, the penalty is still two free throws and the ball awarded to the team fouled at a spot closest to the foul.
4. Be sure to count players after mass substitutions and when resuming play after timeouts or intermissions. This will save the Crew a lot of grief, preventing having to rule a technical for too many or too few players. If a technical is ruled it is a Team technical. Adding a name to a roster after the deadline is also a Team technical.(Refer to chart on Page 71 of Rulebook)
5. Deal with hair length !! If it is covering the number or braids/pigtails are at or below the bottom of number they are too long and must be dealt with.
6. The team control foul signal simply indicates there will not be any free throws. It is the last signal given at the site of the foul and to the table. The type of foul,(i.e. block, push) still must be given first.
- 7 Momentum cannot cause you to travel. If you are sliding with the ball, due to momentum, and you have control of the ball, you may still call a timeout.
8. If varsity players come onto the floor at halftime of the JV game to shoot around and dunk the ball, we do not have any jurisdiction over this. This is a home game management issue, we do not deal with it. Once the teams, returning from halftime, come onto the floor, we can remove the varsity players from the floor so the sub-varsity players can warm up for their second half.
9. Ball hitting the bottom of the backboard is considered in play. If on a throw-in it is legal, but the thrower cannot be the first to touch it.
10. There must be a meeting with captains (and coaches if they want to attend), before each extra period. Go over time, extra time-out, direction and how the period will start.
11. Jewelry cannot be worn by players. Earrings or studs are not allowed even though covered by tape.

12. Correctable errors, AP & throw-in mistakes and bookkeeping mistakes all have different windows for correcting. A bookkeeping mistake may be corrected up until the officiating crew leaves the visual confines of the court. Officials need definite knowledge to rectify bookkeeping mistakes. Things to consider for definite knowledge are; was there a 3 point try awarded but not recorded in book, was there knowledge of a free throw or goal made by a certain player but not in the book. Crew should discuss situation and use all resources available to determine if a mistake has been made. Without definite knowledge, a correction cannot be made.

### **Areas of concern**

1. Identification of the shooter for free throws. We must do this every time there is a shooting foul !

2. Continually apply closely guarded counts once initiated. You are penalizing the defense if this is not done properly.

3. Bumping the dribbler with the body is as harmful as hand checking, it must be penalized.

4. Rulings across the basketline, by the Lead, must be an absolute and not, "I think it was" ! Master your PCA and trust your partner(s)

5. Hard fouls need to be ruled intentional whether it was a deliberate act or not. (Penalty = two shots and ball back at spot of foul)

6. Players going to the basket out of control should not be bailed out by the official. It is either incidental contact or a player control foul.

7. Technical fouls need to be ruled at times. If we do not then we are doing an injustice to the game and to one team. Don't let crowd noise get to you, filter that out. Do not let coaches that tend to be yellers/complainers, get away with more than the quiet coach who one time questions a ruling. (Numbers show that 19 of our 96 rated officials this year have not called a technical foul in the past 4 years.)

8. We need to continually work on traveling, identify the pivot foot and rule appropriately. Most spin moves are illegal when observed identifying the pivot foot. Remember, a player completing a legal jump stop can only lift a foot to pass or shoot, they cannot pivot or step thru.

9. Contact is a Point of Emphasis at the NCAA & NBA levels. They realize that the game has become way too rough and offensive skills have been neutralized by physical play. Scoring is at the lowest point in the past 60 years. They are dealing with it and we must follow suit. In the past the "trickle down " effect has greatly influenced the high school game. We need to allow more freedom of movement. Players and coaches will adjust.

10. Continually “self talk” regarding PCA’s, free throws, throw-ins. Reminding yourself, my ball, partners ball, I have these players, these are my boundary responsibilities. This will keep us alert to things that may occur plus keep us from “ball watching”

**11. Let’s be a better official today than we were yesterday !**

Continue to submit technical foul reports in a timely manner and forward any questions, concerns or situations to me so as to share with our entire membership. Utilize the IAABO Play of the Week that comes out each Monday.

Good luck for the remainder of your season !