



# THE REBOUNDERS REPORT



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## Tournament Draw Dates

Sunday, February 2: 2:00 (Girls)

Sunday, February 9: 2:00 (Boys)

### What We Take for Granted

An accurate statistic (from the Pre-season Rules Meeting required of all head coaches) shows that only **58.6% of girls' coaches** are teachers and **75.3% of boys' coaches** are teachers. So many things we often take for granted. And, there are more and more younger coaches coming into the ranks every day. You might be surprised by at the end of a season, I receive MANY emails from upset parents regarding their son or daughter not receiving a "Varsity Letter". It generally comes back to whether the individual was even aware of the requirements before the season started. I always encourage coaches to make these 'conditions' known to all BEFORE the season. Sure softens the blow at the END of a season when someone does not receive one. Too late now of course but a great thing to always put out at your pre-season meeting. Parents/players have very little issue with it at that point.

### Weather Issues Present Challenges

More to follow on this but the weather issues are tough to deal with across the state. 22 games in a limited period of time eventually was going to be difficult IF we faced a bad winter. We dodged it last year but here this year. Few coaches realize this but you can actually play a regular season game right up until February 22 (girls) and March 1 (boys). This is AFTER the sectional tournament week. Uncommon and may seem an oddity but you CAN do that. Several teams did it after being eliminated from the tournament

### Corrections

Not sure what I was thinking. In a previous issue I addressed sleeves on undershirts. They do NOT all have to be the same length on the TEAM. Each individual PLAYER must have the same sleeve length on both sleeves. I apologize for that error.

Cancelling, postponing, rescheduling. We dodged it last year and paying for it this year. A challenging winter for all coaches. I urge your patience as you deal with everything these unfortunately weather issues create.

*Jerry Snodgrass  
Assistant Commissioner*

### Start Tracking Wins/Losses by Division

At Sectional seed meetings, coaches will be required to post their record vs different divisions. It is a good time to do this now rather than walking into your meeting and 'guessing'.

### Some Things that Amaze Me – 5 Quarters per Day

It happens...but all too often someone 'heard' there was a rule change. Trust me, if you are an official or a coach, RULE CHANGES are carefully communicated. Sorry, but that is one of the reasons we REQUIRE Rules Interpretation meetings. There are NO changes that occur during the season, though there are sometimes 'clarifications'. I have had several reports that 'someone heard' there were now SIX quarters permitted per day. Simply not true. Dispel that rumor.

### 2 – 3 Quarter Games

This often gets confusing and many attempt to schedule a game that is only 2 or 3 quarters in length – due to declining numbers in the lower ranks (JV/Freshmen). This can be a little confusing BUT....NFHS Rules stipulate that all basketball games are 4 quarters in length. Easy enough and of course we know that when we look at the rules that way. So, that means a 2 or 3 quarter game CANNOT be scheduled. Now the 'catch' in this....any game (in just about every sport) may end at any time by mutual agreement of the coaches and the officials. Generally in all sports we encourage officials to not be the one that gets in the way of two coaches/schools agreeing to end a game. So.....a game may END at any time by mutual agreement. I urge everyone to "Respect the GAME" when it comes to this rule

### Penalties for Too Many Quarters

Covered in the Pre-Season Manual but occasionally I receive questions about this.

*If detected at the time: the player is removed from the contest and a "T" is administered.*

*If realized AFTER the fact: there is no penalty but all quarter count toward the total permitted.*

### Shooting Contests/Free Throw Contests

Many inquiries regarding the "Elks Hoop Shoot" and the like. These are permitted for a player with no fear of violating the Non-Interscholastic Regulation (see left). If a member of the boys team wants to participate in a half-time shooting contest (hopefully not at a boys game!!!), he is permitted to do so and also receive winnings for doing so. They are considered 'game of chance' which are not governed by the 'Non-Interscholastic Regulation'.

### JV Girls vs the Freshmen Boys

One of the first Bylaws (Bylaw 1-7-1) prohibits competition between teams of opposite gender. Whether it be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' team that wants to practice against or scrimmage (or even play) an 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' team or a freshmen boys' team playing a freshmen girls' team... it might sound like a good idea, but is not permitted.

### Jr. High (7-8) vs Freshmen Teams

Yes, I know. I hear it often. You have the next dynasty coming along at your school in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and to get them a little more competition, they want to scrimmage or practice against the freshmen team. Hold on! The OHSAA regulations are carefully written and do not



### *It's Popular....AND A LEGAL PLAY*

It has become popular (thanks Steve Williman for showing me this years ago!), but many of you vs a zone defense will dribble the player toward the baseline, jumps in the air while momentum carries him/her out of bounds and throws a pass to a shooter in the opposite corner. Works well (if you have a 'maker' and not just a 'shooter'!). Anyhow...Rule 9-3 Article 3 indicates a "player shall not leave the court for an unauthorized reason". This rule (per the NFHS and the OHSAA's Director of Development) **does not cause this to be a violation.** In conclusion.....it is LEGAL. And good if you have a good 'maker'!