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Hard to believe for many how fast the season is going by. Tournament draws are right around the corner! My next issue will address *many* tournament issues and regulations. This time of the season, many issues surface and since many Junior High teams are closing their seasons, I have a list of common "Q and A's" at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/2012/RROffseason11-12.pdf>. Also, a separate "Junior High Edition" is being sent to all Junior High/Middle School Athletic Coordinators.

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Off-Season Regulations Studied

Most coaches know the OHSBCA among with other coaches associations have continually recommended the ability to provide instruction outside the season of play. Dr. Ross, OHSAA Commissioner, has commissioned a committee of school personnel to review ALL OHSAA Off-Season Regulations and recommend any changes to the OHSAA's Board of Directors. It will be a slow process, however, after the first meeting on January 10 and 5 more meetings planned, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors at the May, 2012 meeting. Off-season regulations are part of the "General Sports Regulations" and only require approval of the BOARD, not all member schools (Bylaws and Constitutional Items require that). The wishes of all coaches' associations are well known and the overall goal is to provide a mechanism that DOES permit coaches the ability to provide instruction outside the season, while also considering the demands on student-athletes AND coaches in the off-season; a fine line that makes reaching consensus on any recommendation difficult. Looking through a player's eyes...we all have come to learn how they perceive the "non-mandatory" concept. Balancing this in all sports will prove to be difficult. Stay tuned.

Tournament Time!

Tournament Draws are approaching!
Sunday, February 5: Girls' Draw
Sunday, February 12: Boys' Draw

A few reminders:

Records: You will need to provide your record vs schools of different Divisions.

Seed Procedures: Each district provides the coaches with seeding procedures.

Familiarize yourself with these prior to the draw so you are not short changing yourself OR your team.

Pass Lists/Bench Personnel

Each District determines size of Pass Lists but any 15 from your Eligibility Lists are permitted in uniform.

Complete Tournament Regulations

All coaches are encouraged to download and read the complete Tournament Regulations at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/bkrglts.pdf>

Importance of the "Non-Interscholastic Date"

There are 2 dates listed in the Handbook (1/30/12 for Girls, 2/6/12 for Boys) that are called the "Non-Interscholastic Dates". Doesn't happen often but what this means is a player that has not been a member of your team up until now cannot join your team and be eligible for tournament play if he/she competed in any NON-school basketball (CYO, AAU, etc.) on or after this date. Also not a bad time to remind players yet again that they are not permitted to play ANY non-interscholastic basketball during the season of play. A common violation about this time of the season when many players don't get the playing time they THINK they should get. Do your team a favor and remind them.

Headbands, Wristbands, Shooting Sleeves

Many of us found it difficult to believe that rules on headbands, wristbands and shooting sleeves had to be put in place, but very similar to high school uniform regulations; they are all an attempt to keep unusual designs in check. I am receiving more and more reports that these regulations are not being followed. Remember...wristbands and headbands must be of the same single solid color and all team members must have the SAME color. The permissible colors are Black, White, Beige OR a school color. Shooting sleeves must also be a single solid color and can be the same colors mentioned above. They do NOT need to be the same color as the headband/wristbands. I am encouraging you to remind your players. They may not like it but if you have coached long enough, you'll know they often don't like many things they are told to do!

Technology and ch-ch-ch-ch Changes....

Few have asked but I look forward to addressing this in the off-season...the wide use of technology today as it relates to athletic events. iPads, Smartphones, etc., give us so much flexibility to do things we didn't dream of before. Take the normal 'whiteboard' we used for years. (Or many of us that drew on the painted floor surrounding the playing floor!). A "white board" on an iPad is as common and free as any app (check "sketch pad" or "ShowMe"). Where do these fall in with restrictions on "electronic devices". The National Rules Committee will be looking at these in the off-season and where they fit in with current regulations. The perception right now is that they can be used for drawing, marking, and statistics but are illegal for photography, or any replay; whether it be in timeouts OR at halftime. Electronic devices for this reason are not permissible.

Pupil Activity Permits and The Tournament Entry Form

Each school submits an official "Tournament Entry Form" prior to the Sectional tournament. This year, (and mentioned at online Pre-Season meetings), the Entry Form requires submission of board approved coaches AND their Pupil Activity Permit License number. Just a friendly reminder to everyone...if you somehow slipped through the cracks and made it this far without one, get it taken care of. Athletic Directors know the process necessary to obtain these. And...they are required for ALL coaches whether paid OR volunteer.

Player Hit a "Booster Club" Halfcourt Shot for a Million Dollars?

A million? Certainly a stretch. But often a boys' player will shoot and hit a halfcourt shot for prize money at halftime of a girls 'game. Can they accept this money? Yes...'games of chance' such as these are not considered the 'sport'....so they are winning prize money for a 'game of chance', NOT for playing 'basketball'. That difference permits them to accept the prize.

Does a violation at the Free Throw Line count as a Free Throw Attempt (FTA)

The NFHS Statisticians' Manual addresses and answers this question.

A 'FTA' is charged ANY time a player shoots a free throw and there is no violation, or technical foul or goaltending during the throw, with 2 exceptions:

1. A FTA as well as a FTM is credited if the shot is made and there is a violation by the DEFENSE.
2. A FTA is charged to the shooter if the only penalized violation is for the failure of the shooter to touch the rim OR if the shooter enters the lane too soon.

Statistically Speaking