

THE REBOUNDERS REPORT



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Tournament Draws They're Here!



February 10: Boys @ 2:00 p.m. Tournament Preparation Reminders to Coaches

Records: You will be required to provide your record BY DIVISION. Check this out ahead of time so you are prepared.

Seed Procedures: Each Athletic 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 Athletic District also determines the size of Pass Lists admitted into contests. Make sure you review this and understand it prior to submitting these to tournament managers. FIFTEEN players are permitted in uniform. These may change from game to game. Only coaches with valid Pupil Activity Permits are permitted on the bench.

Thinking 'down the road' there is a limit of 22 total seats for the Regional & State Tournaments.

More Junior High Reminder(s)

Often asked...."when can we start tryouts/practice for our AAU team?". A team's season ends upon THEIR last game. So, when a 7-8 grade team plays their final contest – their season is complete. The 'no-contact period' kicks in and players are free to tryout/practice/compete with non-interscholastic teams.

I admit, I am behind schedule. I waited until the fall championships were finished before the first posting. Hoping everyone is having a good season, and I am hoping items here address a few issues.

Jerry Snodgrass
Assistant Commissioner

Take a Quick Survey Question

As you know, attendance has slowly declined at the boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments (see below). Last year did show a slight uptick, finally. There has been a long-standing rotation of games that always places the Division I game last in the rotation. There has been discussion over the past few years relative to the impact of this. Game 12 generally suffers in tournament (attendance figures bear this out) anyhow. Is it time to change this and place the Division I game in the rotation as well? Give me your opinion by going to the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TZ6QQPG>

Entering the Technology World

My 21 mo. old grandson can use an iPad and find his favorite app. The explosion creates many opportunities for using a cell phone to video 'quick hitters' or out of bounds plays of an opponent while scouting. IT IS NOT PERMITTED! Please take a moment to remind your sub-varsity coaches. Also, though electronic devices are not permitted to be used during a contest – for video/audio recording/playback or communication. Tablet devices ARE permitted to be used for use as 'white boards' and statistical record keeping.

RATE YOUR OFFICIALS!

As we enter the final weeks, it is a good reminder to rate your officials. It is an important part of the tournament assignment process and to signify the importance, coaches are fined if ratings are not done.

Ejected in an Out of State Contest?

Just when you thought you got away with it. Bylaw 9-1-1 requires all regulations (including ejections) to be enforced when playing out of state. State Associations in other states provide us with ejection reports when players/coaches are ejected in their state. We do the same for them.

Circling the Floor

This was a rule change a few years ago and has not changed. When coming on to the floor for pre-game warm-up, teams are NOT permitted to circle the entire floor. Team huddles and motivational huddles need to be conducted in front of the team bench, not at mid-court.

Noisemakers

Rule 1-18 addresses this. Music/sound effects only permitted during pre-game, time-outs, intermission and postgame. Noisemakers are prohibited.

Advice for NON-SCHOOL Coaches (AAU, etc.)

To help coaches with the vast number of questions non-school programs pose, I have posted a document titled "Advice for the AAU/Non-School Coach" at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/2013/RRNonSchoolCoachAdvice.pdf>

"Down the Stretch"

Anyone who has ever coached knows the period of time we are in one of the more 'challenging' periods of regular season. Teams that had hoped to win league titles may be out of the picture; non-starters are not playing as much as they (and their parents) THINK they should be playing; even starters are not scoring as much as they want. Practices can get mundane, especially if you're not in a league title race and you are challenging players with staying focused for a tournament run. All of this leads to challenging times for coaches.

I encourage you to stay the course. What does this mean? Keep discipline intact. Keep your ethics intact. Keep teaching the right things. Yes, easy for me to say, but what you do as a coach is invaluable. Tom Barrick from the OHSBCA challenged me with trying hard to help everyone "Respect the Game". I want to do my part. It's a GREAT game. There are many coaches 'out there' with 2-15 records that are some of the best coaches I have known. I would want my kids playing for them. Yes, we play the games to win, no one wants that more than high school coaches. But, I hope you can balance it, especially if your team is not performing like you hoped. We need you. If you don't do it...who will?

By the Numbers

State Tournament Attendance Through the Years

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Girls	39,106	34,473	40,529	43,728	34,819	49,202	45,163	48,856	54,051
Boys	126,958	124,527	142,996	143,596	153,637	170,329	181,186	173,618	179,315

2013 State Tournament Rotation

Division III
Division II
Division IV
Division I