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As the first weeks of the season are behind us, there has been an alarming trend in ejections across the state. I am asking EVERY coach to review the policies on 'leaving the bench' when a 'disruption' takes place on the floor. ANY player leaving the bench is required to be immediately ejected. Many want to confuse Ohio policy with NCAA or even professional policies on fighting but the bottom line in high school – leave the bench and be ejected. We need to get a grip on this now. And we need more direction and leadership from head coaches. It isn't about 'sticking up for your players' it is about 'Respecting the Game' and keeping your players under control

Non-Interscholastic Participation Cautions Urged

A LONG-standing regulation of the OHSAA prohibits a player during the season from participating in NON-school basketball. Known as the "Non-Interscholastic Rule", it is detailed in Sports Regulation 7.3 in the OHSAA Handbook and can be viewed at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/rqits/GeneralSportsRegulations.pdf>

The penalties for a player participating in non-interscholastic basketball during the season of play are quite severe; both to the player and potentially to a team. As half-way mark of the season is upon us, many players are not getting the playing time they often THINK they deserve. Thus the lure to go play in the CYO game, or the Saturday "Y" game.

What ARE the penalties?

For the Individual: A player that violates this regulation becomes IMMEDIATELY ineligible. Though the penalties permit up to 1 year of suspension, the severity of the offense is taken into consideration. However, the greater potential issue is for the 'team' as listed next.

For the Team: Though there is no 'team penalty' for violation of Sport Regulation 6.3 by an individual, there IS a potential consequence for a team that is quite severe. Looking above, a player that violates the regulation becomes immediately ineligible. So, if that player plays in the next contest (or several), he/she is doing so as an ineligible player. And....use of an ineligible player....FORFEITURE of the contest.

The suggestion? Take 5 minutes on a light practice day in a team meeting and REVIEW this with your players. There is simply too much at stake.

Stop The Powder Throwing!

No, I am not squelching school spirit. But, school administrators need to eliminate the 'throwing of powder' in gymnasiums. It is an administrative issue not addressed in playing rules but creates too many risks. At tournament time, it is in the regulations and requires penalties but I am urging everyone to get a handle on this now.

Rating & voting for Officials

It's that time again. A reminder to head coaches of the requirement to rate their officials after each game. The directions are relatively simple and can be found at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialRatingInstructions.pdf> It is an important requirement for securing tournament officials. You can

National Anthem Singers

My version of "Ohio Idol", but we have had some tremendous talent perform the National Anthem prior to the state basketball tournament games. If you come across excellent ones, email me their name/school. I do require a short demo video of them prior to selecting them for the state tournament.

Halftime and "Other Events" at Halftime

NFHS rules (Rule 5 Sect. 5 Article A) requires a 10 minute intermission between the 2nd and 3rd quarters. The same rule DOES permit halftime to be extended to a maximum of 15 minutes for 'special activities' provided the home team notifies the opposing team (and officials). This does afford a little latitude for the halftime activities so common.

Warm-Up Time

I have been contacted more and more about leagues that are reducing the amount of time for warm-up. I am willing to bet that 90% of coaches believe 20:00 is required. Actually, there is NO REQUIREMENT for the length of time a warm-up must be. Safety should be considered of course – but there actually is no required amount of time.

Players Winning the Half-Time Shooting Contest?

I am often asked about this. One of the girls' players is selected to shoot a half-court shot at halftime of the boys' game. Make it and you get a new car. Can they do this? Answer: Yes. Contests such as this are not considered 'basketball' and therefore do not fall under restrictions of awards, etc. I can't speak for the IRS.

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. A great thing to always put out at your pre-season meeting.

By the Numbers

Hard to believe, I know. But consider that nearly every parent of a player from age 4 and beyond believes they will play in the NBA or at LEAST for Duke or another Top 10 NCAA team. Here is a VERY interesting study done by the NCAA.

3.3%

Percentage of high school boys basketball players that will play NCAA basketball

1.3%

Percentage of NCAA Men's basketball players that will make it to the NBA.

0.03%

Percentage of high school boys basketball players that will make it to the NBA.

3.7%

Percentage of high school girls basketball players that will play NCAA basketball.

0.9%

Percentage of NCAA Girls basketball players that will make it to the WNBA..

0.02%

Percentage of high school girls basketball players that will make it to the WNBA.

For the Complete Study (and it's good!), go to:

[http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Athletics Information/Probability of Competing Past High School.pdf](http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Athletics%20Information/Probability%20of%20Competing%20Past%20High%20School.pdf)