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Shoutouts to the many basketball programs across the state dedicating proceeds of games, concession stands, 50/50 raffles, etc. to various charities and organizations. Coaches vs Cancer, the Kay Yow Foundation, etc. are just a few of the many dedications coaches have given. It highlights even more the great things coaches and student-athletes do "beyond the game". This is also a challenging time for many teams not in league races; for players not seeing 'enough' playing time. Ejections have risen in the past week-10 days. I encourage all coaches to pay special attention to some of the issues that can surface during games and ultimately lead to player ejections. No doubt, the work never ends.

Tournament Draw Reminders

First, for those districts that utilize online seeding, **please make sure you meet the seed voting deadline.** This varies by district but is necessary for not just YOUR team but all teams to be seeded at the spot they deserve. Also, at Sectional seed meetings or online, 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'. If you are unsure, you can find the division of any school by:

First looking up the school's enrollment at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/hsenroll13.htm>

Plugging their enrollment into the Divisional Breakdowns at: <http://www.ohsaa.org/members/sptdivis13.htm>

And also remember that seed/draw dates are:

Sunday, February 8 - Girls' Basketball @ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 15 - Boys' Basketball @ 2:00 p.m.

It is the responsibility of each District Athletic Board's assigned managers to notify school coaches and Athletic Directors of the location of the required seed/draw meetings. If you are unaware of the location, please say something to your school Athletic Director as quickly as possible.

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.

One of our Student-Athletes just made a Half-Court Shot for \$1,000.00

This question comes often; "We just had an athlete make a half-court shot for \$1,000.00. Can he/she accept the money?" And...the answer is 'yes'. The OHSAA's "amateur bylaw" prohibits athletes from receiving money for competition in **a sport**. Half-court shots, 'holes in one', field goals at halftime in contests are not a sport.. They might be part of the sport but they are not the sport competition itself. So, though a player could never receive cash or prizes for 'the number of dunks in a game' or the 'number of points made in a game' they could receive monetary compensation for 'games of chance' that are stand alone type competitions.

Free Throw Competitions As They Relate to the Non-Interscholastic Rule

The "Elks Hoop Shoot" and similar competitions have been around for quite some time. Since they are not a school event and coaches are conscious of the non-interscholastic rules (see above), where do these fall relative to non-interscholastic competition? These **are permitted** for a player with no fear of violating the Non-Interscholastic Regulations. 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'.

Another Coach/Guidance Counselor Suggestion

As you know, coaches play the 'guidance counselor' role in addition to their coaching duties. As a 'courtesy' to students, now is a good time to check your players' class schedules. After the semester break, schedules often change. And though eligibility will not be affected for them playing basketball any more THIS year, their class schedule may be impacted down the road. Eligibility rules require a student to be passing 5 credits toward graduation in the preceding grading period. So, take a moment after practice to check players' schedules - make sure they are TAKING at least 5 credit courses. This will insure their eligibility for spring and most likely next fall as well. If we can create a culture of coaches doing this, we'll enhance the many things coaches already do to help the 'student' in student-athlete.

Statistically Speaking

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

What Really Constitutes an ASSIST?

The NFHS Statisticians' Manual addresses and answers this question.

This is one statistic that does leave a bit of judgment to the statistician. By definition, an "Assist" is: *any pass or intentional deflection which is directly advantageous to the receiving player scoring a field goal.* Such a pass should be either:

- A pass that finds a player free after the player has maneuvered without the ball for a positional advantage, or
- A pass that gives the receiving player a positional advantage the player otherwise would not have had