

The OHSAA Rebounder's Report

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A great opening week for both Boys' and Girls' teams around the state of Ohio. The snow is flying, the OHSAA crowned football champions and time for everything to move inside! Several early season reminders and issues are covered in this issue. Ohio has GREAT basketball, arguably the best in the nation, and so much should be attributed to the coaches we have. I hope you'll take a moment to encourage your junior high coaches to read this and contribute to questions they may have. We all know how important they are to the development of players....and they are truly the future of Ohio basketball.

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Sportsmanship at Focus of Rules Points of Emphasis in 2010-11

As coaches have learned through attendance at Rules Interpretation Meetings, one of the "Points of Emphasis" centers on sportsmanship during pre-game activities as well as during the contest. These are identified in the NFHS' **Sporting Behavior** Points of Emphasis for 2010-11 as follows:

Teams entering the gymnasium prior to the contest should not run through the area occupied by the opposing team or under the basket where opponents are warming up. Teams should only enter, jog, and warm up on their half of the court. Gatherings intended to motivate a team after the warm-up period, during or following player introductions and post-game celebrations should be performed in the area directly in front of the team bench. If during the pre-game or half-time warm-up period one team leaves the floor, the other team may not use the entire court; teams may only warm-up on their half of the court.

Also, as part of this Point of Emphasis, Athletic Administrators are being given special attention to allowing only authorized personnel (cheerleaders, athletic trainers, managers, administrators, etc.) on the floor; all spectators should be in designated areas.

Coaches are encouraged to pay special attention to these and also SHARE information with your school Athletic Administrator regarding individuals in designated areas.

From the Decorator's Corner

Just a reminder to all coaches regarding headbands: White, Black, Beige AND a school color are now permitted **BUT**...everyone on the team must have the SAME color!

Statistically Speaking

Ever wonder about what actually defines statistics such as "Field Goal Try", "Team Rebound" or an "Assist"? Let's take a look each week at one. This week:

Field Goals: a field goal **ATTEMPT (FGA)** is charged to a player any time the player shoots, throws or tips a live ball at the player's own basket.

Now, consider the following provisions:

1. When a player is fouled in the act of shooting BEFORE the ball is in flight and the shot results in a made goal, the FGA also must be charged.
2. When a player shoots and is fouled after the ball is in flight, a FGA is charged, regardless of whether it went in or not.
3. A TIP counts as a FGA when the statistician feels the player had sufficient control to be credited for a rebound if it was missed OR awarded free throws if the tip was missed and the player was fouled.
4. A BLOCKED SHOT counts as a FGA when the statistician feels the player is clearly attempting a shot before the block occurs. IF the block results in a "HELD BALL", the interpretation is that it is NOT a FGA.
5. When defensive goaltending occurs a FGA and a FGM are credited. It is possible that an assist is credited as well.
6. When a field goal is scored at Team A's basket after last being touched by a player on Team B as an attempted block, the touch by the player on Team B is ignored and a FGA and FGM is credited to the player on Team A.
7. When a player scores at the opposing team's basket; the goal is credited to an OFFENSIVE player. Here is the unusual part....in the NBA and NCAA, the goal is credited to the offensive player closest to the rim. FIBA rules give credit to the team captain. In high school...player closest to the rim.

Common Early Season Questions & Answers

Q: Can an 8th grader play on a 7th grade team?

A: Yes. The OHSAA merely defines teams as "Junior High" permitting a 7th or 8th grader to play on any junior high team. The SCHOOL designates the 'grade level' of the team. However it should be noted that games are contracted by schools *usually* agreeing to a "7th grade game" or an "8th grade game" and the understanding would be that 7th graders play on 7th grade teams, etc. So...though there is no regulation *against* it, the ETHICAL aspect is to communicate this with the opponent as you are technically violating the terms of the contract.

Q: We are traveling out of state to a tournament in Florida. Can we at noon on Friday even though the game is on Saturday?

A: No. The OHSAA's Bylaw 9 addresses out-of-state travel. Schools are permitted to travel one time to a non-bordering state for competition but no school time may be missed.

Q: A girl from my team has been selected to participate in a half-time half-court shooting contest at a boys' game. Is she permitted to do this?

A: Yes. The OHSAA does not consider a shooting 'game of chance' to be a non-interscholastic basketball event.

Q: Our team wants to wear PINK shoelaces for an event. Can they do this?

A: Yes. There are no restrictions on shoe/lace color. During any 'special event', all uniform regulations relative to numbers, number size, etc. must adhere to NFHS uniform rules.

Q: With the Christmas Break approaching, can I have one of our good 8th graders practice with our freshmen team?

A: No. The OHSAA Bylaws clearly state that junior high players are NOT permitted to practice or compete with high school aged players during the season.

A Little "Caution" to Assistant Coaches

In today's electronic media age, a little caution to junior high or assistant coaches that scout for varsity teams might be beneficial in the long run. They might think they are doing you a HUGE favor by using that cell phone to record a few quick-hitters of an opponent. The OHSAA's Sports Regulations strictly prohibit this. Just a reminder!

RATE YOUR OFFICIALS!!

It does work and has improved tremendously from its inception. Use your *myOHSAA* login to enter the system and rate your officials at the conclusion of each game. The more you do it now, the easier it will be later. You can get complete Rating Instructions at this link:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/myOHSAA/OfficialRatingInstructions.pdf>

From the NFHS "Statisticians' Manual"