

THE REBOUNDERS REPORT



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On my Soapbox



Let's ALL Help Make High School Basketball BETTER

All coaches have heard it repeatedly....we have the best coaches...we are educational based...we do it for the kids. And, we require education and training for OUR coaches. I continue to consider a plea by current OHSBCA President, Tom Barrick, when he talked to me when he started his term. Coach Barrick indicated that 'we HAVE to do something to keep basketball in the schools and counter the many challenges that are out there. Well, this is my short 'editorial' to convey Tom (as well as my own) message to all the great coaches we have in Ohio....I hope we all focus on the things that WILL help us keep basketball strong in the schools. Tom's thoughts have been profound as I approach each year with the impact of regulations at the OHSAA level. An example:

110 quarters permitted:

I listened to the OHSBCA and their request to increase the number of quarters a player can participate in for the year. And...I agreed with it. Obviously it was going to increase with the 22 games being permitted. But...not every team is playing 22 games. And, MANY 9th grade teams are not playing 22. So where is this headed? "We" as coaches always work toward the 'unintended'. "What If" a zone does not work? "What If" the player we play loosely shoots lights out? "What If" our backdoors don't work? Always looking to answer the unintended...it is a good coaches strong suit. And that is where I am headed with this. You have a freshman playing all JV but only on a 20 game schedule. Hmmm even if he/she plays in ALL quarters of all games, that leaves you left with 30 quarters extra (110 - 80 = 30). Why not send him down and get him more experience and we can possibly win the Solar System Tournament with our freshmen team if he/she plays. What's wrong with that? Ethics. Ethics. The addition of quarters was done to help struggling programs maintain their JV and freshmen programs (yes...numbers ARE dwindling).

You've heard it a million times...you cannot legislate ethics. So, I hope everyone takes a look at this and utilizes the quarters as they were intended

Common Q and A's

Q: My team wants to practice with another school. Are we permitted to do that?

Answer: Yes, however, it must be counted as a SCRIMMAGE by both schools, therefore your opportunities to do so are somewhat limited. This appears to be a growing trend with school teams. Just remember...it counts as a scrimmage.

I admit, I am behind schedule. I waited until the fall championships were finished before this first posting. Hoping everyone is off to a good start, and I am hoping a few items here address a few early season issues. Not that anyone is already looking that far ahead but the Regional tournament draw was held at the December 6 Board of Directors Meeting and is posted online.

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Didn't Use All Your Scrimmages?

Teams are permitted a total of 5 scrimmages (4 if your team played in a "Foundation Game"). If you did not use all your scrimmages and have 1 or 2 remaining, you can use those ANY time during the season of play, including tournament. As defined in the Sports' Regulations, it must be a scrimmage for BOTH teams.

Good Advice for Younger Coaches

Abuse, improper conduct, inappropriate conduct/texting...do we take for granted coaches know not to do it? Maybe...but in today's world, we can't. Check this link out:

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/vault/article/magazine/MAG1193474/index.htm>

Girls' on a Boys' Team?

It IS permitted and there is more of it at the Junior High level. It is important to note, however, that IF a girl participates on a boys' team, she is NO LONGER ABLE TO COMPETE ON THE GIRLS' team. In other words, she cannot go 'back and forth'.

Why Mandatory Pre-Season Meetings?

Many may find this in the 'hard to believe' category, but the OHSAA spends considerable time and resources on court cases dealing with information all coaches are provided. Take the mandatory Rules Interpretation meetings for example; the OHSAA's General Sports Regulations and Basketball Specific Sports Regulations are covered in these meetings. So, IF you sent an assistant coach or athletic director in your place, the information covered is the responsibility of the head coach overseeing his/her entire program.

Check Your Out-Of-State Travel Schedule!

OHSAA Bylaws permit teams to travel out of state to a NON-BORDERING state **one time** during the course of a season. However, **no school can be missed** during the travel to and from OR during the contest. With out of state competition becoming more and more popular, better be safe than sorry. The consequences?.....no participation in the OHSAA Tournament.

CHECK YOUR PUPIL ACTIVITY COACHING PERMIT!

As covered in all Rules Interp. Meetings, the ODE and Administrative Code requirement will now require all schools to enter the name of the board approved coach AND his/her Permit number on the Tournament Entry Form. Keep in mind, meeting this requirement requires the coach (paid OR volunteer) to complete the following **then submit application to the Ohio Department of Education**. The ODE then issues the Permit with the license number on that permit.

- an approved Sports' First Aid course
- current CPR card
- Fundamentals of Coaching (through the NFHS)
- BCI background check

Since many inquire, the online version of the Sports First Aid course **is acceptable**, however the different **online CPR offerings are NOT acceptable** by the ODE.

57.5% / 79.3%

Percentage of BOYS' head coaches that are employed as teachers

50.1% / 62.0%

Percentage of GIRLS' head coaches that are employed as teachers

78.9% / 63.9%

Percentage of GIRLS' head coaches that are MALE.

100% / 56.1%

Percentage of boys' and girls' coaches that completed the Rules Interp. Meeting online

Percentages taken from online rules meeting questionnaire
LAST YEAR'S Statistics are in RED