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Tournament Draw Dates

Sunday, February 2: 2:00 (Girls)

Sunday, February 9: 2:00 (Boys)

It has been a challenging winter for coaches; cancellations and more cancellations. And...tournament draws are fast approaching. Ejections tend to increase on teams that are struggling to win games. There are MANY teams that are struggling to find wins but have great coaching.

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AAU Tryouts - Beware

Those that follow me on twitter (@Jerry_Snodgrass) have noticed my repeated tweets regarding the Non-Interscholastic Regulation. The number 1 OHSAA violation I deal with in any sport occurs with the non-interscholastic rule and players that violate it. MOST do so totally unbeknownst to the coach. With that, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of continually cautioning players NOT to participate in any non-school basketball tryout, practice, workout or training during the basketball season. You cannot believe the number of emails I have received from individuals that are planning on putting teams together in the spring and are trying to hold tryouts now. Much of this is occurring at the lower levels. I urge coaches (again) to take a moment and remind middle school coaches as well as their own high school players by covering it as well as putting signs in the locker room.

My editorial opinions on this are not always popular but we lobbied hard to get an approval for coaches to provide instruction to players outside the season. "We" got it. Coaches go through a significant amount of training (and COSTLY training). School coaches are held to a standard

How LATE Can We Play?

Many do not realize this but teams can play a game all the way until Feb. 22 (Girls) and March 1 (Boys). This is AFTER the Sectional tournament dates and it seems 'odd' in basketball to play a game this late but OHSAA rules DO permit it. Just a helpful note trying to make up so many cancellations due to weather.

Corrections- #2

Within the "Coaches Guide" on the OHSAA website and covered during the Rules Interp Meetings, I mistakenly referred to FRESHMEN as only being permitted to play in 90 quarters on the year. They are permitted the same 110 that all 9-12 Graders are permitted.. I apologize for that error.

Change in Stance On Protective Head Wear

NFHS Playing Rules do not permit any item that is "hard or unyielding or sharp edges" to be worn, regardless of 'where' it is. That of course includes the head. To insure this rule is followed, the request to wear ANY protective or religious headwear was required to be submitted to my office along with a description (or picture) and the approval was granted in writing. There have been approximately 6 of these requests in the past 7 years. Suddenly (marketing?) a huge spike in the number of requests came in, especially from girls' players, requesting approval for a 'soccer headband/headwear' called the "Full 90". Since officials cannot permit participation for ANY headwear without the written approval, this sudden increase saw individuals not being permitted to play in games with it until securing the proper approval. With the spike in requests and since the "Full 90" does meet the requirements, an email was sent this week to ALL head basketball coaches, athletic directors and officials granting permission for this to be worn WITHOUT the traditional written approval. Just in case, this is overlooked by an official, a 'blanket' approval for this "Full 90" was placed on our 'basketball page' of the OHSAA's website or directly at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/ApprovalForHeadwear.pdf> It should be noted that this approval is not intended as any recommendation, endorsement or statement on the claimed benefits of the headwear – merely an approval that it meets the equipment requirements of the NFHS Playing Rules.

Check Schedules

Though the current grading period will end after the season, I always urge coaches at semester time to put their guidance counselor hats on and check the second semester schedules for players. Just glance to make sure they are registered and taking the required 5 credits. Though it won't affect YOUR sport, ultimately it could affect the player in a spring of fall sport next year. If we can create a culture of all coaches doing this, we'll enhance the many things coaches already do to help athletes off the court.

The Non-Interscholastic Date and What it Means

There is a date listed within the OHSAA Basketball Regulations identified as the "Non-Interscholastic Date". This date – **January 27 (Girls) and February 3 (Boys)** is a date that often has more significance in some individual sports. Though we all know that team players are NOT permitted to participate in any non-interscholastic basketball during the season of play (see previous Rebounders Reports), the Non-Interscholastic Date identifies the date at which any player not currently on your team may join IF he/she has participated in non-interscholastic basketball. It seldom presents itself, however it is a significant date. And again, I stress (Warning #3) for all coaches at ALL levels to remind their players continually that they are not permitted to participate in any organized non-school basketball while a member of the school team. This includes any organized 3 on 3 tournaments. I mention frequently this is the most common violation during the season that results in ineligibilities of players. When any ineligible player participates in a contest for the school – that game must be forfeited. Help Prevent Forfeitures!

Player hit a "Booster Club" Half court Shot for a Million Dollars?

A million? Certainly a stretch. But often a boys' player will shoot and hit a half court shot for prize money at halftime of a girls' game. Can they accept this money? Yes... 'games of chance' such as these are not considered the 'sport'....so they are winning prize money for a 'game of chance', NOT for playing 'basketball'. That difference permits them to accept prizes.

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 failure of the shooter to touch the rim OR if the shooter enters the lane too soon.

Statistically Speaking