

The OHSAA Rebounder's Report

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We are closing in on tournament time; days are a little longer, shadows are slightly different (when there IS sunshine) and you come out of practice to go home and it is still light out. A sure sign that tournament time is near. Boys' draws were held around the state Sunday and coming issues will focus on tournament informational items.

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From The Officiating Side

In last week's "Rebounder's Report" the change to Directors of Development in our Officiating are explained. The educational and communication component of this change continues to prosper from this change. Check out the latest communication and 'in-service' education provided by Dr. Denny Morris, the Director of Development at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/officials/Officials%20News%20Items/BK%20BULLETIN%20FEBRUARY%202011.pdf>

It is definitely a benefit to officials AND to the game of basketball.

Focus..focus...focus

Easy for me to say, I know. But...from MLK Day to now, ejections of coaches and players have skyrocketed. We ask you to focus on the educational value of athletics; 'language' is the main cause of ejections for players. Do THE players a favor; remind them that foul language will result in just that...a Technical Foul.

After Further Review....

In the December 9 Issue (<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/girls/2011/RR2.pdf>)

I addressed crediting a basket scored at the opponents end. Thanks to our readers, I was made aware of the NFHS stance on this seldom occurrence. To be correct, when a basket is scored at the wrong basket, NO player is to receive credit for the basket but is credited as a "footnote". This is covered in Rule 5 of the NFHS Rules Book. You can read Rule 5 in its entirety at:

<http://www.slideshare.net/ref2/nfhs-basketball-rule-5>

Participation in the Rules Process

A note to coaches that you will be asked to participate in the NFHS Rules Writing Process in the next several days. I will go into more detail about the process itself in a coming "Rebounder's Report", however, the first significant step the NFHS utilizes is a nationwide questionnaire of coaches, administrators and officials relative to *current* and potential *new* rules. Coaches with email addresses in *myOHSAA* will receive an email in the coming few days asking them to participate in this all-important step.

Take Note of Uniform Regulations

Rule 3-4-1c in the NFHS Rules Book: The torso shall be white for the home team.... "White Outs", "Black Outs", wear Green to save the Trees. White is required at home. It is NOT permissible to wear "Black" at home (for example) to be part of a "Black Out" night at school. Many rules get intertwined and 'intentionally' confused with "school spirit". As covered in this year's Rules Interp. Meetings; only special occasions such as 'pink' are permitted on a case by case basis AND WITH APPROVAL from the OHSAA. Only last year was the permission granted for THESE special events and we do so on a very limited basis. This insures that all other uniform regulations (numbering, size of numbers, etc.) remain intact as the rule is intended.

Rule 10-5-4 of the Rules Book indicates: *The head coach shall not permit a team member to participate while wearing an illegal uniform (see 3-4 indicated above).* PENALTY: (Section 5) Two free throws plus ball for division-line throw-in. The foul is charged directly to the head coach. (Art. 4) Penalized when discovered. Only one technical foul is charged regardless of the number of offenders.

Just something to take note; Sportsmanship and the integrity of the written rules overshadows what some may indicate are "school spirit".

"Coaches Quarterly" a Great Resource

As members of the National Federation (NFHS), OHSAA member schools receive the NFHS' Coaches Quarterly publication. Coaches Quarterly is now an ONLINE publication only and can be accessed at: www.nfhs.org/coachingtoday/. This is an excellent resource and I not only encourage you to read it but also to make it available to your entire staff.

Making Up Regular Season Games

Weather has played havoc on many team's schedules. I receive inquiries now and then about making up a game AFTER or DURING the Sectional Tournament.

Freshmen Eligibility..."Moving Up" for Tournament Play

I am often asked about the eligibility of a Freshman player who competes in a Freshmen tournament and whether or not he/she is eligible to 'move up' and dress (and possibly participate) in the OHSAA Sectional Tournament. Will he/she 'run out of quarters'?

Off-Season Basketball Reminders

I know I address this many times, however, with the Junior High and Freshmen seasons coming to a close, their continues to be a huge volume of calls dealing with "off-season" rules and regulations. There are several different sources available by the click of a mouse to answer nearly every question imaginable. Most questions can be answered through this link to "off-season basketball questions":

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/bk/BasketballQuestions.pdf> Pass it on....it will help your players protect their eligibility.

Game Administration

I have mentioned several times throughout the season the importance of addressing 'game security'. Of course, the worst gets attention in the media, however, each time it is in the public's eye, it serves as a reminder to be diligent about security at contests. Though this is certainly a 'game administrator's' role, I also know MANY of you serve in dual roles as coach/athletic director. Since ALL coaches are concerned about games running 'smooth', these may also be some points to sit down to review with your Athletic Directors:

1. Make sure Officials have adequate security leaving the court, their locker rooms are 'guarded' at half-time and after games and there is adequate security *leaving the facility*. Often, the latter is ignored.
2. Half-time activities. No doubt, everything from 'donkey basketball' to 'shoot for a buck' occurs at halftime of games. A reminder first that halftimes are NOT permitted to be extended for events. Review your procedures for 'clearing the floor' after these events occur. A team coming out of the locker room should be given TOTAL priority for warm-up for the second half. Raising funds is critical for everyone, but we should also remember why we are there in the first place.
3. Point of Emphasis on keeping the floor 'clear'. Those that interfere with warm-up and the game itself should be kept clear of the playing floor.

Statistically Speaking

2003 198,686 2004 179,315 2005 173,618 2006 181,186 2007 170,329 2008 153,637 2009 143,596 2010 142,996

Boys' State Tournament Attendance: 2003 - Present