

NEW YORK STATE IAABO BOARD 19



TO: ALL NYS BOARD INTERPRETERS

FROM: LEE PAVLOT, BOARD 19 STATE RULES INTERPRETER

The 2019 & 20 basketball season is quickly approaching and in just a few weeks or less your training classes will be starting. Once again the rule changes are very minimal. At the IAABO Conference in Bethesda the rule changes for the 2019—20 season will be presented to all of us on Sunday morning. I have gone ahead and listed the changes below.

The 2019 State and Federation Tournament went well and overall our officials performed well. Again, I believe we owe the Binghamton Board a huge “thank you” for the hospitality and all the work they did to make the tournament a success. Next year the State Tournament will return to Glens Falls and the Federation Tournament will be moved to Fordham University, NYC.

We continue to emphasize that we are looking for the best officials from across New York State to be assigned to the tournament games. Remember, this is a showcase for both the basketball teams and the officials working the games. With officials coming from across the state and in most cases, having never even met each other, they do work together well as three-person crews. There are a few minor miscues, usually in switches, but overall quite good. I believe the main reason for this is the time they take to conduct a good pre-game before they go out on the floor. Observation notes of the officials are made during the games and following the games we discuss with the officials the observations we have made. The main thing we still need to emphasize is the use of our IAABO signals and mechanics. College signals and mechanics seem to have a way of creeping into the games, but we still must emphasize the need for high school IAABO signals and mechanics.

PROPER MECHANICS AND SIGNALS

As I mentioned earlier, we need to continue to emphasize to all officials that the proper IAABO signals and mechanics be used in all boys’ high school games. At the State and Federation Tournaments, we continually note that some of the most frequently misused mechanics are: (1) failure to stop the clock with either a fist or open hand straight up while sounding the whistle; (2) failure to use preliminary foul signals **at the spot of the foul** and mainly from the lead position; (3) failure to use the player control foul signal. The player control signal at the spot of the foul still is almost non-existent. The use of a fist thrust out in front of most officials served as an indication of a player control foul—**this is not the proper signal**. The correct procedure is to indicate a preliminary foul signal at the spot of the foul, followed by the number of the player committing the foul, then indicate the number of shots or the designated spot. The calling official should then proceed to the reporting area to report the foul. Officials **should not point** at the player committing the foul. The birddog signal is still acceptable. Let’s continue to work on this and see if we can be more consistent. Be sure to have the attention

of the scorer when reporting the foul. **And remember that the reporting should be done from the reporting area. Not the sideline, not the foul line, not the foul lane or not the foul circle, The reporting area!!**

Three-person mechanics

The three-person crews continue to be used at the State and Federation Tournaments and basically, the crews worked well together. We recommend that all boards across the state continue to work on advancing our three-person crew system. Whenever you can, take advantage of using a three-person crew. Christmas tournaments, tipoff tournaments, scrimmages are all good times to train your three-person crews. You may have to negotiate a fee with the schools and offer them a deal, but it is a good time to get the three-person crews out there. Be proactive

Shot clock

There have not been any changes made to the shot clock rules for high school games. We will continue to use 35 seconds on our shot clock. The NYS shot clock rule will remain as it is. There are a few differences between high school and college shot clock rules. Remember to strictly follow the New York State High School rule. Anyone needing the shot-clock procedure should contact me and I will send out a copy of the procedure. I will also have a copy of the shot clock procedure posted on our webpage.

New York State Sportsmanship Card

NYSPPHSAA requires that the Sportsmanship Card be read at each contest at all levels. In addition, by rule, it is the referee's duty to verify with the head coach, prior to the game that his/her team member's uniforms and equipment are legal and will be worn properly, and that all participants will exhibit proper sporting behavior throughout the game. (Rule 2-4-5) The Head Coach is also to be part of the pre-game captain's/coach's conference.

Concussion rule

The concussion rule and the official's requirements per the rules book have not changed. By rule, officials shall immediately remove from the game a player who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion. (Rule 2-8-2) Officials must be alert to when a player strikes his head, either on the floor, a wall, or another player and goes down, the game should be stopped, and the player checked. The coach should be beckoned out to check the player. If the coach indicates that the player is OK and can resume play, the official should also check the player. The official should check the player for symptoms such as: is he/she dizzy, does he/she act lightheaded, can he/she answer questions such as what day is it, where is he/she, who is playing, etc. These questions will help the official decide on whether the player should be removed from the game. The official can then make his/her decision. We all know that concussions are a hot issue in all sports at all levels. Everyone knows the danger of a possible concussion and, therefore, must act accordingly

Uniform shirts

The black & white stripe shirt with the narrow stripes is the official shirt to be worn by all high school officials. The US Flag should be affixed to the back of the shirt, centered and located 1 to 1¼ inches below the neckline. All officials working the State Tournament, including regionals, need to have the flag appropriately attached to their uniform shirt. Please be sure that your Board follows the NYS requirement that the Flag be located on the back of the shirt. We are also requesting that all officials assigned to the State Tournament dress appropriately when attending the tournament. Between games the officials are easily viewed by the public. Casual dress should be worn--**NO blue jeans or sweatshirts**. We are professionals and we want all officials to look that way.

2019-20 RULE CHANGES

3-5-4b: A change in the headband rule. The headband may now be up to 3 inches wide and if worn it must be a circular design without extensions. It must be nonabrasive and unadorned and worn on the forehead/crown.

3-5-4d Added to article 4d----Hair control devices are not required to meet color restrictions. (Only applies to hair control devices)

3-5-5 The rolling of shorts is no longer illegal provided the shorts are not in conflict with 3-4-5 and the wearing of the shorts does not expose any objectionable parts of the anatomy. No drawstrings or other parts of the shorts intended to maintain them in a normal position shall be visible as they can cause potential harm to the player or others. Now, there is no restriction on folding or rolling the shorts at the natural waistband seam.

3-5-8: Establishes a new rule article: **MOUTHGUARD**

The new article describes how a mouthguard should be constructed. It will be added as Article 8 in Rule 3, Section 5. This provides another safety option for players. It doesn't appear that the State will require mouthguards.

9-9-1: Exception: Reissue of rule change for years, 2017–18 and 2018–19. Wording added or changed to clarify the rule.

A ball in team control by Team A in the front court that is deflected by a defensive player, which causes the ball to go into the backcourt, may be recovered by either team unless the offense was the last to touch the ball before it went into the backcourt. If the offense was last to touch the ball in its frontcourt, only the defense can legally recover the basketball.

10-5-5 NOTE: The head coach and any number of assistant coaches may enter the court in the situation where a fight may break out (or has broken out) to prevent the situation from escalating. **ADDED:** any number of assistant coaches.

NEW SIGNAL: TO STOP CLOCK FOR HELD BALL– BASKETBALL MANUAL CHANGE

When a held ball occurs, covering official(s) shall stop the clock by extending a straight arm up with open palm extended while simultaneously sounding their whistle. Then both arms are extended straight out, at chest level, with fist clinched. Thumbs are displayed as a part of the signal. Signal is given with both arms moving in an upward motion. Then it should be followed with a directional signal indicating team possession.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

I will only touch briefly on the Points of Emphasis in this memo because of the length of the list. You will receive a list of them at the IAABO Conference Rules Interpretation. If not, you may contact me for a copy.

Briefly, the Points of Emphasis deal with proper head bands and hair control devices. Also, the proper wearing of Medical Bracelets and medals, which basically is the only form of jewelry that should be allowed to be worn. Throw-in violations are also listed in the Points of Emphasis. All officials should be aware of the rules that govern throw-ins. Lastly, there is a section on pre-game meeting with administrators on supervision and crowd control. All Interpreters should be presenting to their boards, the importance of meeting with the Site Manager at each game's facility.

STATE INTERPRETER'S EMPHASIS

Last year the Points of Emphasis dealt primarily with rough play. We must continue to emphasize to our officials that they strictly enforce the contact and sportsmanship rules. With the emphasis there is on concussions, rough play is and can be a contributing factor to players suffering injuries and possible concussions. There have been more than there should be of altercations at games and many times it is a result of rough play. Officials should be alert for the beginning of trouble spots, players trash talking, unwanted contact, etc. Get control of these situations right away. It has been my recommendation for years that when a foul occurs and the official stops play properly for the foul situation, that the calling official stay with the call for a few seconds. It is my contention that if the official does spend a couple of seconds at the spot of the foul, it will hopefully reduce the possibility of the players starting something. Two or three seconds is worth it if prevents unwanted extracurricular activity. **Please emphasize to all of your Board members to strive to control rough play. We don't need fights in any of our games. Let's strive to cut down on rough play and have fair well-played games.**

Reemphasize--4-48 (2017 & 18)

Warning for Coach/Team Conduct

A warning to a coach/team for misconduct is an administrative procedure by an official which is recorded in the scorebook by the scorer and reported to the Head Coach:

Art. 1... For conduct such as that described in rule 10-5-1a,b,d,e,f; rule 10-5-2; 10-5-4, the official shall warn the Head Coach unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case

a technical foul shall be assessed.

Note: A warning is not required prior to calling a

technical foul.

Art. 2...For the first violation of rule 10-6-1, the official shall warn the Head Coach unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed

Note: A warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.

Rationale: Stopping play and making sure that the bench and the coach know that an official warning has been given, sends a clear message to everyone in the gym and impacts the behavior of the coach, and in some cases the behavior of the opposing coach. Many times, this avoids the need to administer a technical foul.

Gentlemen, I say this each year, I thank each of you interpreters across the state for the opportunity to serve as the State Interpreter. I enjoy working with each of you. The e-mail system continues to be a great tool and enables me to get back to you quickly with answers to your questions. We, as interpreters, must continue to emphasize the use of proper mechanics and signals. If you are a working interpreter, you must lead by example. Be sure you are using and exhibiting the proper IAABO mechanics and signals. As we know, many of the officials on our boards work several different levels of basketball, be it NCAA men's and women's or high school girls, each level carries with it their own set of signals and mechanics. Our officials should be reminded that they must apply the mechanics **for the game they are working** and not to mix the two. College is college, girls' high school is girls' and boys' high school is the IAABO way.

I am looking forward to working with each of you across the state and will again do my best to get answers to your questions as quickly as possible. Please emphasize to every one of your officials that they should administer the rules as they are written. No official has the option to decide which rules they will enforce. **Remember—what you allow you promote!!**

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Thanks to all and good luck for an enjoyable and successful 2019 - 20 season.

Lee

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THE IAABO PHILOSOPHY OF

“ONE RULE - ONE INTERPRETATION”

