

Officials' Game Ready Memo

The International Association of Approved Basketball Officials', Inc. (IAABO) very sincerely appreciates all officials' preparation time and overall contributions to the schoolboy and schoolgirl basketball season.

In the dressing room pre-game conference - Referee:

Do not discuss teams, coaches, players.

Remind crew – Enforce the rules with no regard to time of game, score of game or specific situation

Two teams involved – every situation & ruling matters and affects both teams

One rule – One Ruling/One Interpretation

Approved Mechanics & Signals/Signaling Expected

PCA & FOV Cone concepts honored

Accept the ball; Give up the ball; Don't ball watch

Trust partner(s)

Importance of Eye Contact

Upon departing toward the court and upon arriving on the court, think:

Sport within education

Professionalism

Responsibility & Responsibilities

Composure

Pride, strive for perfection personally and for officiating – "Get 'em all right !!!

Referee – Table Instructions:

Welcome & Introduce self to the Announcer

Ask of the Announcer.....

Are you aware of the Point of Emphasis regarding announcer's responsibilities?

Close with – Your cooperation is appreciated, enjoy the game.

Welcome & Introduce self to the Scorer

Check scorebook rosters

Inform the scorer that he/she is The Official Scorer and is part of our Crew

Remind that the progressive score record is the official score

Welcome & Introduce self to the Timer

Discuss/Check Briefly – Record keeping of AP Arrow, Bonus Free Throw, Time-out, and Warning... Substitute reporting and horn is required...Head Coach & Correctable Error

Request his/her assistance throughout the game

Request eye contact with the reporting official

Relationship with Scorer regarding substitution

Inform Timer that he/she is the Official Timer and is part of our Crew

Pay no attention to coach or player communicating for a "Sub"

Horn only when substitute is processed

Must be a Horn in order for official to consider substitution

Request his/her assistance throughout the game

Request that the Crew be informed at the halftime 4-minute mark

At the one minute mark, prior to game time, the Umpire(s) are encouraged to greet/meet the Announcer, Scorer & Timer. The Umpire(s) have previously met the coaches at the pre-game meeting.

Pre-game meeting (brief & formal, 2-3 minutes) with Head Coaches, Captains and Partner(s):

Referee – Introduce self and partners (Mr/Ms)

Allow time for response introductions/hand shakes

Ask of Head Coaches (**as per Rule 2.4.5**)...

Are your uniforms and equipment legal and be worn properly?

Can proper sporting behavior be expected from everyone?

(Head Coaches are expected to respond to each question)

Ask of all - Are there any questions?

Close with - Good Luck to all.

Wait for Coaches & Captains to begin departing the meeting, then depart.

Umpire(s) – No comment(s) needed.

Note: The above meeting procedure is required for every game, first game of season through the last game of season.

Reminders

- *Always use Rules Book and Manual Terminology
- *Warning coaches or officials, other than delay of game warning, is not permitted by rule. The situation at hand is either legal or illegal. DO NOT WARN.
- *The coaching box is to be officiated, by rule, just as the pivot foot, 3-seconds, etc. are officiated by rule.
- *Grasping the basket ring (bending fingers around the ring) is not a requirement to Dunk. An arm, a wrist or a finger(s) contacting the ring is legal. Grasping the ring is illegal, every official must rule grasping as illegal. Can't have the rule enforce by some officials, all officials must penalize grasping.
- *Unless it is a very unusual situation, the game cannot be delayed to listen/talk with a coach or player.
- *Time does not always allow for a post-game "critique". At the very least have a post-game "chat."
- *It is highly recommended that early in this season each official secure at least one video for the purpose of self critique.