

Second Basketball Letter 2008-09

REMINDER TO ALL BASKETBALL OFFICIALS:

January 12-17 is Calling For A Cure Pink Whistle Week!!

ATTITUDE

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company...church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...We are in charge of our Attitude.

Charles Swindoll

Basketball seems to be off to a good start, although we have more ejections than there should be at this time. Coaches, we remind you to take time at practice to remind your players that **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP is a priority!!**

COACHES: We have received a number of phone calls or emails concerning head bands and sweat bands. **Headbands and sweatbands** when worn must be white, black, beige or a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey and must be the **same color for each item and all participants** (3-5-3a).

COACHES: Undershirts shall be similar in color to the torso of the jersey and shall be hemmed and not have frayed or ragged edges. If the undershirt has sleeves, they shall be the same length (3-5-5).

Coaches: Reminder, **knee and ankle braces** are permitted but all exposed hinges **must be covered**. Most over-sleeves recommended by manufacturers are acceptable (3-5-2c).

Officials and COACHES: Officials and coaches shall remain mindful that their conduct influences the respect that student athletes, coaches, officials and the public hold for their profession.

Coaches and Officials: Coaches, Concerning Rough Play; coaches need to take a hard look at practice and what you the coach allow players to do in practice, usually what these young people are going to do in practice, they are going to attempt to do in a game. **Rough play leads to injuries and sometimes bad ill will on the playing floor.** We have to go back and look at what led to this style of play (hand checking, body checking, illegal screen, knee in the lower back, two hands on the offensive player) and get it back to a game of skill and finesse. Spectators are first to say “let’em play” up until their son or daughter gets injured, then they want to point a finger at the official and say you need to get this game under control. You just can’t have the best of both worlds. Officials enforce the rules we have, coaches talk to your players about adjusting and playing the game by the rules, **lets work together to make a better game for everyone involved.**

Play of the day!!

A1 is passing the ball to A2 in the team’s front court when B2 deflects the pass. As A2 and B2 are attempting to retrieve the loose ball, A2 holds-off B2 with his right arm and is called for a foul. Team B is in the bonus.

Ruling:

A. Team B shoots 1-1?

B. Team B takes the ball out of bounds?

Answer can be found later in this letter!!

Officials:

You would be surprised how many people are watching you!!

Lead, you need to get to ball side when in front court the majority of the time, move swiftly when doing so on the baseline (be active), that

is where the post players are. Rhythm, consistency and balance are important ingredients to successful officiating.

Hard fouls, stay longer on the play coverage, sell the call, get it right, read the defense, know who created the contact!

Trail official, when in front court move more in line with the top of the circle and help with traveling call in lane area.

Whenever a defensive player puts **two hands on an opponent** it is a FOUL! This play is no different than rough post play, get it early, get the first foul, clean this illegal action up!!

Leaving the court for an unauthorized reason is a violation.

The ball is dead when this violation occurs and is awarded to the opponents for a throw-in from the designated out-of-bounds spot nearest the violation.

The ball does not become dead until the try or tap ends, or until the airborne shooter returns to the floor, when the violation occurs by an opponent (6-7-9 Exception d). Please look at plays 9.3.3.

Free throw violations: If the violation is by the free-thrower's opponent only (delayed dead ball signal by center official); if the try is successful, the goal counts and the violation is disregarded; if the try is not successful, the ball becomes dead when the free throw ends, and a substitute throw shall be attempted by the same free thrower under conditions the same as for the free throw for which it is substituted. If there is a simultaneous violation by each team, the ball becomes dead and no points can be scored. Remaining free throws are administered or play is resumed by the team entitled to the alternating possession throw-in from the designated out-of-bounds spot nearest to where the simultaneous violation occurred.

If there is a violation first by the free-thrower's opponent followed by the free thrower or a teammate: If both offenders are in a marked lane-space, the second violation is ignored; if the second violation is by the free thrower or a teammate behind the free-throw line extended and the three point line, both violations are penalized; if a violation by the free thrower follows disconcertion by an opponent, a substitute free throw shall be awarded; or if a fake by an opponent

causes the free thrower or a teammate of the free thrower to violate, only the fake is penalized.

The key to a better life: Complain less, appreciate more. Whine less, laugh more. Talk less, listen more. Want less, give more. Hate less, love more. Scold less praise more. Fear less, hope more.

-Michael Josephson

Answer to play of the day, B.

Items an official needs to think about:

You may be a 20 year official, but are you an official with 20 years of experience or have you just repeated your first 20 years!!

Know the rule, know how to apply the rule, work hard to get the right angle, you stand a much better chance of getting the right call.

The bottom line, mistakes happen. It's what you do afterwards that makes all the difference in your career and your game!!

Happy New Year!!

Thank you for being an IHSAA official.

Sincerely,
Roger Barr
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