

Week of October 30th

2023-2024 Registered Basketball Officials-

A few notes for the pre season.

- 1) **EMAIL ADDRESSES-** Please check with your partners to make sure all are getting this email. I am downloading the spreadsheet that we receive from DragonFly. Make sure all your partners are registered as that is the only way to get this email.
- 2) **OFFICIALS REQUIREMENTS-** In order to be able to work any high school level contest, you have three requirements: 1) pay the registration fee; 2) view the online rules meeting through DragonFly; and 3) take and pass the 50 question open book exam through DragonFly. The online rules meeting and the open book exam have been available to view and take since Monday, October 23rd. Directions for properly downloading completion of the rules meeting have been shared by Whitney. Beginning with the week of November 13th, we will begin providing a list of all officials that are properly registered on our website.
- 3) **OFFICIALS CLINIC-** The officials clinic is only required to be viewed once every three years if you are interested in working the post season. Tonight is the live zoom meeting hosted by me beginning at 6:30 PM.

Here is the link to the meeting if you interested in attending.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84791980001>

A final option to meet the clinic requirement will take place all day this Sunday, November 5th. The link will be on the officials page and you will be able to view from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM on that day. The presentation will last approximately 2 hours.

- 4) **POST SEASON ELIGIBILITY-** Along with the mandatory requirements listed in item 2 and optional item 3, we are asking all officials to complete the **2023 IHSAA-IGHSAU Basketball Officials Post-Season Request Form**, that can be found when you log into your DragonFly account. Even if you are not interested in working the post season, click the button saying “No” you are not interested and click ‘No’ on all the post season dates. You can still enter your schedule if you so desire. Do not click on “Sign and Complete” until you are confident that your entire schedule has been entered. You do not need to click on ‘Sign and Complete until mid January as we understand your schedules will change. If you do click on that button, you will not be able to go back and make any updates. Simply clicking on “Save and Finish Later” will allow you to go back and make any changes, including updates in your schedule and more importantly, changes in your post season availability as we are asking you to click on the dates you are available, which again may change.
- 5) **SHOT CLOCK AND KICKING/BATTING VIOLATION-** There has been no change in the interpretation the IHSAA and IGHSAU had last year regarding

when an intentionally kicked/batted ball occurs and NOT resetting the shot clock. If the ball is intentionally kicked or batted out of bounds, there will be no reset of the shot clock, similar to last year. We realize this contradicts part of the shot clock guidelines regarding resetting on violations, but we are creating an exception again this year for balls intentionally kicked or batted. I believe that in the on-line rules meeting, the slide talking about shot clock resets was inadvertently read saying the shot clock is to be reset in this situation, that is not correct.

Now is the time to start getting preparing physically to work this season. Proper daily stretching and exercise should begin to make sure you are ready for the rigors of 3-4 nights a week of physical activity. Additionally, I challenge each of you to read Chapter 2 of the NFHS rules book over the weekend.

Answer the following questions as reading.

When does my jurisdiction as an official begin? End?

How does my crew handle the warm up for the second game when the host school puts 15 minutes of warm up? Who stays and who goes back to the officials room?

What are my pregame responsibilities?

What questions should I have for the timer, scorer, shot clock operator?