* BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES AND RULES 1, 2, 3. Ted W, October, 2020

**RULES CHANGES**…Pretty simple changes this year. Add in your last year’s book.

2-12-5 Adds second horn on disqualification. Now same as time out…Horn at 15 secs, horn at 00.

5-4-1, 2. If coach “removed” and no other adult coach or school personnel, game is a forfeit. (What if coach gets ill?) I sent question to Todd.

10-6 Penalty. Pretty simple. There is no rule that a warning must precede a technical on any coach.

**RULES 1, 2, 3**.

With a shorter meeting time, I will focus on practical applications. Read the rules, and the Casebook. Call me 3193210990 if I can help with any questions.

**RULE 1. COURT AND EQUIPMENT**…Very little here to go over. Review for the test.

1. COACHES BOX. Was expanded a couple of years ago. Should be OK by now on most courts. Coaches have from end line to 28 feet in front of the bench.
2. Section 1-11. Read for test. Not much here we have to worry about. If specific issues, play the game and report it except safety issues… No padding on backboard, ??others
3. BALL. Get game ball from home team. Bounce it. It can be a little soft or a little hard. MUST have NFHS logo. One is easy to see, one is tiny. Either good. NO PSI in rules, just the bounce rule.
4. Varsity should have X in front of the bench. That is where the kids go.
5. Seldom a problem…Cheerleaders on floor at wrong time or to close to the basket. Remember, they think their job is the most important one, and so do mom and dad!!

**RULE 2, OFFICIALS AND DUTIES.**

1. Look the part. Black socks, blackish shoes, Black pants, striped V neck shirt, black whistle and lanyard.
2. Sound the part. Blow the whistle loud or push hard of the handheld!!!
3. Varsity jurisdiction begins as soon as on the floor, 15 mins minimum. Ends (a bit edgy) when we leave “visual confines” of playing area. Close game…check score often during time outs down the stretch and get a nod from the scorer at the end if you can.
4. REFEREE IS BIG BOSS MAN. Umpire (s) collect a check same amount as Ref! Review Referee vs. General vs. Officials duties for the test.
5. 5th foul…coach first, player second, timer start 15 third. Nice and slow.
6. Review SCORERS AND TIMERS DUTIES. I like to check and make sure board has been working and ask (especially lower level games) if they have done this before. Pray they say yes. A good AD at a varsity game will tell you if there are new or newer bench personnel.
7. Never happens to me, but if you head for the bench and forget the number, ask the scorer who the foul was on. 9 out of 10 times he/she will know.
8. NEVER EVER, NEVER EVER interact with a hostile fan. We all can have a pleasant interaction with friendly fans occasionally. If a fan is a problem, tell management only. At a junior high game, it is the coach or hopefully a staff somewhere. Unless you feel the behavior warrants immediate ejection, let administration warn them.

**RULE 3. PLAYER, SUBS, AND EQUIPMENT.**

1. I vote this is the pain in the butt rule for officials. We are now the uniform police.
2. Read all Rule 3…Use your highlighter for the picky stuff.
3. 3-2 10 minutes roster and starters designated. If in visitor book we are good. Read Art 2. Remember one T for any and all changes for the game.
4. 3-3. Subs. Stay alert. If, during play, you see subs on the X remember they will need to come in. Lower level may have no horn, so stay heads up. If you miss in lower level and can stop right away just do it.
5. Remember if a kid enters and you do not see it, they are legal when ball becomes alive.
6. No re-entry until clock has started.
7. They can “buy” a player in with a time out, but not after the 15 second horn (or any sub)
8. Sub on 2nd free throw of 2 shot foul
9. Know your concussion responsibilities. 99% we should have nothing to do with it. Let staff handle it. Get away from injured kid. Do not be where a coach or parent can confront you. Talk to each other only if necessary and make it look serious and all business while the kid is be tended to.

**3-4, 5, UNIFORMS…THE POLICE!!**

1. Read 3-4 Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for the test. Remember numbers 0 and 00 are legal but not both on the same team (Varsity)
2. **3-5 EQUIPMENT AND APPAREL.**
3. Nothing dangerous in our opinion. BUT, allow just about any dress, headdress, body covering to be legal, especially at lower levels.
4. Unlike football, HARD UNYIELDING casts, braces, pads ON OR BELOW THE ELBOW CANNOT be padded to make them legal.
5. **Upper arm** is similar to football. As long as a pad is covered with closed cell foam it is OK. KNEE BRACE IS LEGAL, DOES NOT NEED TO BE COVERED.
6. SLEEVES, TIGHTS, COMPRESSION SHORTS, WRISTBANDS, AND HEADBANDS (my personal favorite pains in the butt)

Sleeves/tights…Black, white, beige, or jersey color…all must match.

Wristbands and head ware…same colors as above. MUST ALL MATCH. In other words, if Team A has one player with black sleeves, any other player with sleeves, tights, Com shorts, headbands, wristbands MUST also wear them black. (Varsity only). But NO camouflage/ patterned sleeves at any level. ??

Headbands are now up to 3 ins. wide, wristbands 4 ins….no bandannas. (other than medical or religious)

1. Read hair restrictions, no beads, barrettes, bobby pins…
2. Undershirts (Varsity/JV only) same or similar to jersey, no frayed or cut off sleeves…

WHEW, WE ARE DONE…QUESTIONS, COMMENTS.

BE SAFE OUT THERE.