

**2018-19 BASKETBALL MEMO #1**  
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Greetings!

We hope you had a great Thanksgiving holiday and are looking forward to some “top-notch” basketball in the upcoming season! Observations are going great. We have many more scheduled so don’t be surprised if someone shows up to help you and your crew. **ATTENTION GIRLS BASKETBALL OFFICIALS - Because these observations are so important, please go into your Arbiter account to make sure that the picture you have posted is the one you are comfortable with or if you do not have a picture please take a professional looking one that portrays you the way you want people to see you and put it on your Arbiter account ASAP. It only helps YOU!**

Now that we are a couple of weeks into the season, we wanted to share some of the things that have been brought to our attention and maybe help clarify some others.

**1. COACHING BOX**

The new rule now states “The coaching box shall be the area 28 feet from the end line and must NOT be placed any closer to the division line than the 28 foot mark”. Enforce the bench decorum!

**2. TIME-OUTS**

The mechanics for :30 second timeout is putting both hand’s finger tips on the top of the respective shoulder, then signaling to the bench who called the timeout and then signaling to start the timer.

The mechanics for a full timeout is to extended arms shoulder height, palms facing the bench, then signaling to the bench who called the timeout and then signaling to start the timer.

We have also had some issues with teams being ready to play after timeouts. Remember after the 1st horn, teams should be breaking their huddle and heading to where play will be resumed. If team(s) are delaying too long, in your opinion, go ahead blow your whistle and put the ball on the floor and start your count. **DON’T LET TEAMS DELAY.** It is not a requirement to continue to warn teams. Do it early and you won’t have to do it later in the game.

**3. JEWELRY**

Do not let players enter the court with jewelry on; however, if it is discovered later, be sure to have it removed. You do not need to assess any penalty. If assistance is needed to remove the jewelry, remove the player until they can get it removed.

4. **HEAD RAGS**

Head rags with a knot cannot be worn, the rule is on page 26 in the rule book and it is very clear. Please read for full details....

5. **CREW CARDS**

Make certain that you sign both score books and remember to hand out the cards to both coaches. We want you to get those recommendations!

6. **UNDERSHIRTS**

As stated in the online rules meeting, undershirts shall be a single color **SIMILAR** to the torso of the jersey with all members of the team in the same color.

7. **GAME BALLS**

During the regular season, schools may choose to use a different game ball than the Spalding TF-1000 Legacy – during the post-season, the IGHSAU and IHSAA will be using the Spalding TF-1000 LEGACY.

8. **OFFICIALS REGISTRATION**

A reminder that officials that are working girls' and boys' basketball games must be registered with both the IGHSAU (through Arbiter) and the IHSAA (through the IHSAA website). ASSIGNORS be sure that the officials are registered appropriately.

9. **EJECTIONS**

Follow protocol when coach and/or player ejection occur – report to coaches and score table; file report next day with IGHSAU or IHSAA.

**Continue to officiate any contact on the shooters all the way until that shooter returns to the floor. Continue to watch contact on the all handler's and remember don't let the cutters get bumped off their routes. Freedom of movement? Does the contact affect the speed, rhythm, and balance of the affected player. If so, enforce it, be diligent, be consistent and don't let rough play get into YOUR game!**

**Observers have shared some of the following concerns and suggestions:**

The first thing they shared on a conference call on Sunday night was that they have seen a lot of good officiating so far this year - so keep it up!!! You are doing great!!

1. When reporting fouls - get to the reporting area, **STOP** and give good solid signals so the scorer gets it correct. Take your time but hustle. Don't walk through your signals, have good eye contact with those official scorers.
2. Officials need to get that arm that signals the clock stops on violations straight up, "open hand", "closed fist" and fouls high. Don't be lazy, take pride in your

signals and mechanics. Those signals tell everyone what is going on and what call you have.

3. **NEVER EVER** bounce the ball across the lane to the player throwing the ball into play. Apparently, that is a college mechanic but we do not want it used.
4. **Lead officials** be sure you are moving to get the best look. Don't get stuck just working one side of the court. **Lead should also never administer a throw-in on the sideline.** Let the trail do that.
5. **Trail and Center officials** - hang in there on rebounding, the game needs you on every rebound. Chuck was at a game last night when the trail called a foul on a rebounding situation and the call was exactly right but because the official was bailing out just one step it looked bad and the coach questioned the call. It was the only call that the coach even said anything about the entire night. Don't let that be you!

Be sure to give good and precise post foul and violation information both verbally and physically. Let your partners and the players know where the ball will be put in play, who the shooter is, who the foul was on, what the violation was etc.

Thanks for everything you do for high school sports and have a great season. We hope to send you another update before the holidays. In the mean time - travel safe! Don't forget to thank those loved ones around you who allow you the evenings out to help young people. Again, thanks for your time and efforts and have some fun out there and we hope to see you soon.

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