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Be prepared to officiate live ball, dead ball, on and off ball; do not let anything surprise you.

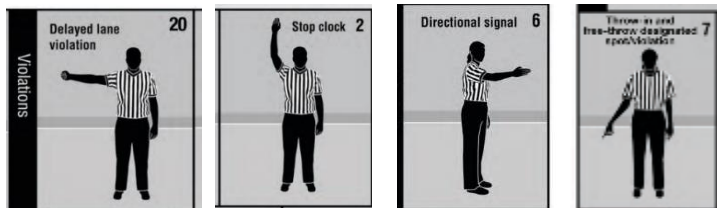
PLAYER OUT OF BOUNDS SIGNAL

A player may now step out of bounds as long as the player is not the first player to touch the ball, or the player did not step out of bounds to avoid a violation.

Any player who steps out of bounds under the player's own volition and is the first player to touch the ball after returning to the playing court or does so to avoid a violation has committed a violation.

MECHANIC FOR A PLAYER LEAVING COURT OF OWN VOLITION AND IS THE FIRST TO TOUCH THE BALL

Officials will use the Delayed Lane Violation (Signal 20). The Lead will initiate that signal as soon he/she sees a player goes out of bounds on their own volition. The Lead will keep the arm extended until the Center official picks up the signal (as needed). The Lead and Center will need to have good eye contact and communication to see who will administer if there is a violation. If the player is the first to touch the ball after coming back inbounds, the official holding the signal, will raise the arm to stop clock (Signal 2), followed by pointing the direction (Signal 6), then point to the spot in which the ball will taken out of bounds. (Signal 7).



2023-24 RULE AND OFFICIALS MANUAL CORRECTION –

(Please note the following corrections to rules book and officials manual)

CORRECTIONS

- **Rules Book: Page 61, 9-2 PENALTY: (Section 2) THROW-IN PROVISIONS** – The ball becomes dead when the violation or technical foul occurs. Following a violation:
 - a. If the opponent is awarded possession in their frontcourt, the throw-in will be at one of the four designated spots nearest the violation.
 - b. If the opponent is awarded possession in their backcourt, the ball is awarded to the opponent for a throw-in will be at the original throw-in spot.
- **Officials Manual: Page 172, NOTIFY COACH OF DISQUALIFIED PLAYER** – When a player fouls out, the calling official is responsible for notifying the coach, having table personnel start the ~~20~~ 15 second substitution clock and informing the player,...



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COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCORER

Reporting a foul or warnings is not the time to show off your improvisational skills. Use the approved mechanics for the level you are working to communicate the type of foul you have called. That being said, you can “elaborate” to demonstrate the exact infraction once you have completed reporting to the scorer. For example, rather than saying “White, 24, push,” you would say, “White, 24, jumped into ballhandler” while giving the proper push signal.

That tells a coach White 24 did not jump vertically. We can gain credibility with a coach or answer a question before it’s asked. Saving that conversation increases the meaning and impact of future conversations with coaches while also selling to a coach that we were on top of the play.

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PREGAME-PREGAME-PREGAME -The SDHSAA cannot emphasize this enough. It does not matter how much experience you may have in officiating. Newer officials can learn a lot from the veteran officials. ALWAYS have a great Pre-game!!!!

SUBSTITUTIONS

Officials Manual 5.12 page 177

When substitutions are coming into the game, the official responsible depends on the location of the officials and where and how the ball will become live. During all substitutions, the responsible official should blow the whistle (if needed to get attention, if there is no horn from the table) and hold the “stop clock” signal (signal 2) while beckoning substitutes.

THROW-INS

Do not blow whistles before putting the ball in play on normal throw-ins. This is not an approved federation mechanic. Whistles, as such, are used for throw-ins after time outs, change of periods, and unusual delays or multiple substitutions.

FOCUS AREAS AND OBSERVATIONS

- Fitness, mobility, abilities to move with the game and with purpose.
- Value of knowing and understanding how to apply the NFHS/SDHSAA rules properly.
- Only proper NFHS mechanics do not let the NCAA/CCA mechanics creep into your game.
- Bench decorum enforcement, use the tools we have, penalize where warranted.
- Open your mind to the observer’s comments, importance of self-evaluation; fix a bad habit one at a time.
- Responsibilities and communication with game administration a week out from your scheduled assignment be great at this.

NFHS rules tool...

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