



## 2024-25 Basketball Memo – Pre-Season

### **WELCOME AND THANK YOU!!!**

The 2024-25 basketball season will soon be starting! The SDHSAA believes everyone is preparing for another exciting year. You recently received your 2024-25 SDHSAA basketball rules books, online testing, online rules meeting information and other essential information for the 2024-25 basketball season. Review the information carefully. Please note your mailing address—it is especially important to keep your mailing address and email address up to date with the SDHSAA Office.

### **REGION COORDINATORS AND REGION MEETINGS**

Thank you to all our Region Coordinators and all that have and will participate in region meetings. This is a great opportunity for learning, teaching and open discussion. Attend more than one and offer to contribute at those meetings. If you have topics to discuss or share, please call them to our attention or the attention of your Region Coordinator.

### **2024-25 Basketball Editorial Changes**

Technical Foul Penalty Summary (rule book page 79) - Dunking a dead ball an administrative technical charge to the team and not to the player.

### **VIDEO REVIEW**

The SDHSAA has found that the most effective training tool for promoting consistency and improved officiating is through video review. The SDHSAA is hoping the plays will allow discussion in areas of mechanics, crew communication and rules study with basketball officials on high school mechanics and rules. Any plays used are in no way meant to single out any one or any one official, crew or team. These plays are meant to be a learning tool to help promote what we all want to see from our officials. Take the insights from these plays and apply them to your officiating game. If you have any plays that will help our officials, get better, please forward to Chris Long. (chris.long@k12.sd.us) (Plays will be posted at this links throughout the season. The most recent plays will be at the top or beginning of the list: Training Videos = <https://www.sdhsaa.com/basketball-training-resources/>

### **SDHSAA BASKETBALL OBSERVATION PROGRAM**

We have basketball observers in place for the 2024-25 season. This group of experienced officials are here to grow and support officials across the state. Our goal this year is to observe as many of our new, registered, and certified officials and to observe 100% of our state tournament eligible officials. whether that observation is in person or via video review. Not all the observers will be doing video review. Please be open and cooperative with our observers as they provide feedback. This is a valuable program as we strive for consistency and growth. If you would like to be observed, drop a note to Larry Osborne or Marsha Karst and they will make sure we have someone to observe you. If you ever have any questions regarding our observation program, please reach out to **Larry or me.**

### **SDHSAA BASKETBALL JAMBOREE**

Basketball Region Coordinators have scheduled Jamborees for you to attend and meet the requirements. Achieving all requirements, including updated Jamboree attendance, is a requirement for post season assignment eligibility and the requirement of all officials. Just because you are not due does not mean you



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cannot attend one every year. (Certified every 3 years, registered every 5 years.)

### REMINDERS AND NOTES

- The new NFHS closely Guarded Adoptions will not be adopted for the 2024-25 season.
- The use of ear buds or any electronic device cannot be used during warm-ups or during the game.
- The penalty for dunking or attempting to dunk or stuff a dead ball during pregame or intermission is now a team technical. There is no personal foul charged to the offending player. The coach will not lose their coaching box.
- A fifth delay warning has been added to address when a player fails to the nearer official when a whistle sounds.
- The new rule provides a team with 20 seconds to address blood situations without being charged a time-out. Allow the player(s) to report to the sideline near the team bench before signaling the timer to start.
- When there is a backcourt or 10 second violation the opponent is awarded a throw-in at one of four designated spots nearest the violation.

### OFFICIATING RESOURCES LINK

As we enter the 2024-25 SDHSAA girls' and boys' basketball season, please refer to the link below where you will find many officiating resources available. By posting documents and other resources we will have a single site to house and locate materials. If you have any materials, you feel valuable and worthy of sharing in these memos or on our website please forward to Kristine Sage, Marsha Karst, Larry Osborne or myself for review and publication. Resources = <https://www.sdhsaa.com/activity/basketball-officials/>

### NFHS POINTS of EMPHASIS - 2024-25

Warnings may be issued for the following:

- Throw-in plane violations.
- Huddle by either team or contact with the free thrower that delays the administration of the free throw.
- Interfering with the ball following a goal.
- Failure to have the court ready, following a time-out.
- New in 2024-25, failure to immediately pass the ball to the nearer official.

Any two delay warnings will result in a team technical foul. The warnings do not have to be issued for the same reason or to the same player or team member to escalate to a team technical foul.

### Faking Being Fouled

"Faking Being Fouled" was added to the NFHS Basketball Rules Book twenty years ago as an unsporting foul committed by a player, resulting in a player technical. In 2004-2005, the Rules Committee addressed "Specific Unsporting Acts" as a Point of Emphasis, and "Flopping" was one of the points. Twenty years later, faking being fouled continues to be a point of concern for the rules committee. This year, the rules committee added a warning (4-49) and defined faking being fouled as:



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- Overtly embellishing the impact of incidental contact on block/charge plays or attempted tries for goal;
- Using a “head bob” to simulate illegal contact; or
- Using any other tactics to create an opinion of being fouled and therefore gaining an advantage.

### **What is Your Plan to Get Ready for the 2024-25 Basketball Season?**

Two non-negotiables as a SDHSAA official:

- Absolute #1 – Correct rules knowledge and correct rule application. Setting aside and not knowing the rules as an official cannot be defended
- Absolute #2 – Fitness and mobility, all officials must have the ability to physically move and perform well at an elevated level. This is a personal responsibility and an expectation. Let’s all commit to putting in time to improve our fitness and mobility

### **What are you doing to get ready for the 2024-25 SDHSAA Basketball season?**

- Rules Knowledge—acquire a reverence for the rules and be guided and inspired by them
- Current Mechanics—Study and Understand—Right Place—Right Time  
Be in position to manage and officiate the play  
Physical Workouts/Health Be The Very Best High School Basketball Official You Want to Be!
- Going Into the Season--What Are You Going to Work On--We All Have Gaps  
Build on your strengths o You can always get better Work On Being Excellent—Be the Best You Can Be—Preparation  
Maintain effective communication with all participants  
Decisive—Consistent Decisions and Signals—Same Body Language  
The SDHSAA Expects Your Best

### **SDHSAA Requirement Reminders**

Officials must work during the current basketball season a minimum of twelve (12) regular season basketball games ( non-gender specific) and be certified to work post-season games. You cannot be on probation for missing any requirements in basketball. Only officials certified for 3 years are eligible for the state tournament.



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### **Coaches and Officials—Online Test Requirement**

During the 2024-25 school year, the SDHSAA will be using the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) online exams system for conducting the open-book test requirement for each sport.

The online basketball open book test will be available November 1 to November 31, 2024 (11:59 PM CDT). You can print a hard copy of the test from the SDHSAA website prior to accessing it online. You will complete the test online. The test questions will be in the same order as the hard copy you print.

The SDHSAA strongly suggests you use the hard copy of the test to write your answers beside each question, then log in and submit your test answers online. This must be done before November 30.

When you submit your answers online, you will immediately receive your test score. You WILL NOT receive information as to which questions you missed until after the test window closes on November 30.

The score required for the Part I open book test is 80%. You will only be allowed two tries to take and pass the test (80%) and this must be done prior to the November 30, 2024, deadline.

### **Officials—Online Mechanics Requirement**

Officials only are required to view the online mechanics meeting. This requirement is in addition to official's requirement to view the online rules meeting.

The SDHSAA strongly suggests that coaches view the mechanics meeting, so you understand the mechanics and positioning of the officials on the court.

The online mechanics meeting will be available from November 1 to November 30, 2024 (11:59 PM CDT). All officials will need to view individually to receive credit. If you plan to view the presentations together with other officials, **each official** will need to be logged into a computer (you could use the computer lab at your local high school).

### **SDHSAA Supervised Test Date Wednesday 12/4/2024**

- To move from “registered” classification to “certified” classification, officials must take and pass the supervised test (closed book)—score at least 80% to pass.
- The supervised test will be offered at Aberdeen Central, Buffalo, Mitchell, SDHSAA Office, Rapid City Central, Sioux Falls, Sioux Valley (Volga, SD), Watertown and Yankton.
- An official may stay in the “registered” classification indefinitely.



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▪ Registered and New officials are restricted to working only at regular season contests. ▪ Please contact Marsha at the SDHSAA office as to the location in which you would like to take the test by Wednesday 20th. (605-224-9261)

### **SDHSAA AND NFHS MECHANICS AND PHILOSOPHIES ARE EXPECTED**

Spend the necessary time in the rule books and mechanic manuals so you can master them. Deviating from the approved mechanics and published rules is simply unacceptable and cannot be defended. Use the approved SDHSAA and NFHS rules and mechanics. The standards are clear and communicated well in our written and provided tools. We all appreciate and will recognize the consistency achieved when we all adhere to the outlined mechanics throughout what will be another competitive season of competition. We as officials are nothing without integrity. Additionally, officials should maintain the following character traits:

- Have ambition, but also patience. Officials often burn out by being overly concerned about advancement early in their careers.
- Don't be jealous, but instead supportive of another official's good fortune and opportunities.
- Be receptive and willing to accept advice from any official. Take what you can use and disregard the things that don't apply.
- Be honest with yourself. Set and keep realistic expectations with your skills and abilities in mind.
- Be a leader by example. Adopt a philosophy to help others reach their goals.
- Having passion for officiating will make you a better official because it gives you drive to improve your skills, makes you interested in studying rules and mechanics and inspires comradery with your crewmates.
- Be courageous and have conviction. Do what is right even when it's not easy or popular.
- Show poise and self-control and treat players and coaches like you would like to be treated.

For suggestions, feedback, and comments, please feel free to contact.

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