



2023-24 Basketball Memo – Pre-Season

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU!!!

The basketball season is an extremely busy time for every one of you. It takes great effort and continuous hard work to become a great official. We appreciate your investment in time and your time spent away from family. As we enter the 2023-24 SDHSAA basketball season, we would like to give you all a heartfelt thank you for the contributions you make as an official.

Enjoy the season, have fun. SDHSAA basketball is important for all that are involved. Every time players, coaches and officials step on the floor maximum effort is expected. We all work for perfection, but the reality is we will always chase it. Simply focus on progression rather than perfection. We wish you well and we are here to help. See you all soon and let's have a great year.

Thank You – Make a Difference

SHOT CLOCK AND 10 SECOND BACKCOURT PROCEDURES

Based on the NFHS Shot Clock recommendations (pg. 71 in the rule book) here is the procedure we will use for the shot clock and 10-second backcourt count:

1. Use the shot clock to administer the 10-second backcourt count. The 10-second count shall begin when:
 - a. The ball touches or is legally touched by a player (Team A or B) on the court in the backcourt on a throw-in
 - b. On player control on a rebound or jump ball.
2. The official shall use a silent, visible 10-second count when there is no shot clock visible.

Reminders and Notes with the shot clock and 10 second backcourt count:

- Throw in – Team control begins with the ball being handed/bounced, placed or available at the disposal of the thrower in (Team A)
- The shot clock shall be used to administer all situations related to the 10-second backcourt counts (except when the shot-clock is off)
- In all game situations when the 10 second backcourt count is being used after a throw in:
 - The game clock, the shot clock and the 10-second backcourt count shall all start simultaneously when the ball on the throw in is legally touched by either a player of Team A or Team B.
 - Officials shall **NOT** use a visible 10-second count (arm swing) when the visible shot clock is in use
 - 10-second backcourt violation shall be called when **25 seconds** is displayed on the visible shot clock and the ball status remains in the back court.
 - When it is necessary for the covering official to give their full attention to the defensive pressure/play as the ball is in the backcourt it is expected a non-covering official, most likely the Center official shall help with the visible shot clock display and call the violation when it occurs.



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- A visible 10 second count (arm swing) shall be used only in game situations when the shot clock has been turned off.
- When the ball fails to be advanced from the backcourt into the front court within the required 10 seconds (shot clock display is at 25 seconds) a 10 second backcourt violation shall be called. Reminder the frontcourt status requires that the ball is touched or touches the court or player(s) in the front court
- As in previous seasons, should Team A's advancement of the ball to the front court be interrupted by the ball being knocked out of bounds and the shot clock correctly NOT reset, a new 10 second back court shall be granted to Team A with no reset of the shot clock. As a crew of officials, we must be aware of a new shot clock violation number shall be for not advancing the ball to the front court (10 seconds less than the display at the time of throw in)
- Example play – shot clock properly starts on the throw in when legally touched, ball is tipped out of bounds by Team B with 28 on the shot clock, the new shot clock number for a violation shall be 18. It is important as a crew to know and communicate this information with one another

SHOT CLOCK RESET – 35 SECONDS

- Reminder, not a new rule change – after a Team A's shot that hits the rim, the shot clock shall be reset and held (paused) until **possession** is secured by either Team A (new shot clock for offense or Team B and the 10 second backcourt count starts)

OFFICIATING RESOURCES LINK

As we enter the 2023-24 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 Jo Auch, Marsha Karst, Larry Osborne or myself for review and publication.

Resources = <https://www.sdhsaa.com/activity/basketball-officials/>

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. 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-videos/>



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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 your Region meetings. If you have topics to discuss or share please call them to my attention or the attention of your Region Coordinator.

BASKETBALL OBSERVERS AND OBSERVATION PROGRAM

Thank you to all of our basketball observers that will be serving this year. This is a valuable program that resources are committed to adding value to officiating and growing our officials.

This year's observers have prepared by attending and contributing at Region meetings, are required to watch this year's rules and mechanics on line videos just as you do. Also reminder this year is our observation forms will be completed on and available on-line for better communication and tracking across our observation program. As officials who are being observed, be open to the feedback and insight provided to the observers. This group has great experience and their only purpose is to provide open, candid and constructive feedback for officials to grow. Take the feedback and apply it to your game, grow from the insights shared. If you ever have any questions regarding our observation program please reach out to me.

NFHS POINTS of EMPHASIS - 2023-24 SPORTSMANSHIP

Bench Decorum

- Through the enforcement of existing rules, coaches and bench personnel are expected to exhibit appropriate and acceptable behaviors.
- Coaches are expected to remain in the coaching box.
- Coaches who go beyond the 28-foot line, or more importantly onto the playing court, gain a distinct advantage that is not within the spirit or intent of the rules.
- While the bench area expands during a time-out, the bench area does not extend beyond the 28-foot line.
- Coaches and other bench personnel may not move to the extended bench area until the time-out begins to ensure bench personnel do not create inadvertent contact with opposing players still on the playing court.
- Coaches who leave the expanded bench area to engage officials inappropriately are subject to a warning or bench technical foul.
- Misconduct, including taunting; baiting; finger-pointing; trash talking or using inappropriate gestures by players; coaches or bench personnel, is not permitted.
- Players and coaches are not allowed to disrespectfully or inappropriately address and/or gesture at an official after a ruling is made on the court.
- Player and coach behavior, which in the official's judgment is determined to be a taunt of an opponent or a disrespectful act toward an official, shall be penalized by assessing a technical foul.

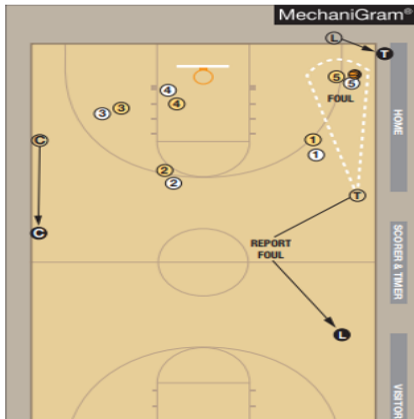


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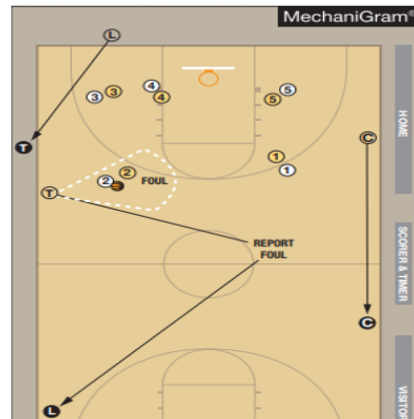
SDHSAA POE Long Switch

Trail Official Making the Call

Table Side

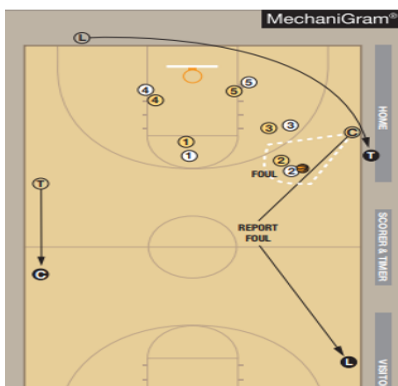


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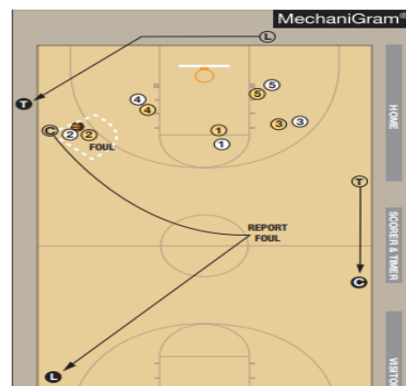


Center Official Making the Call

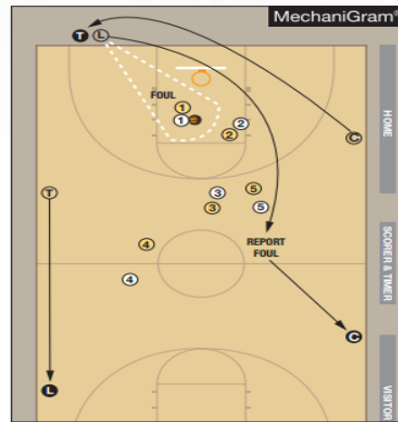
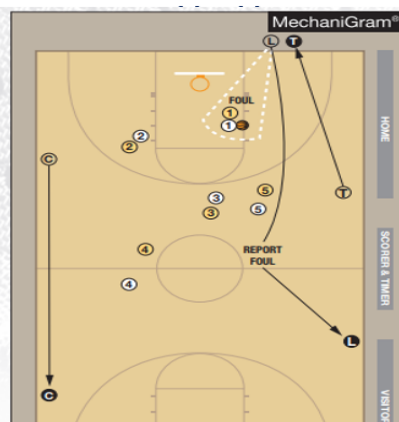
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Lead Official Making the Call



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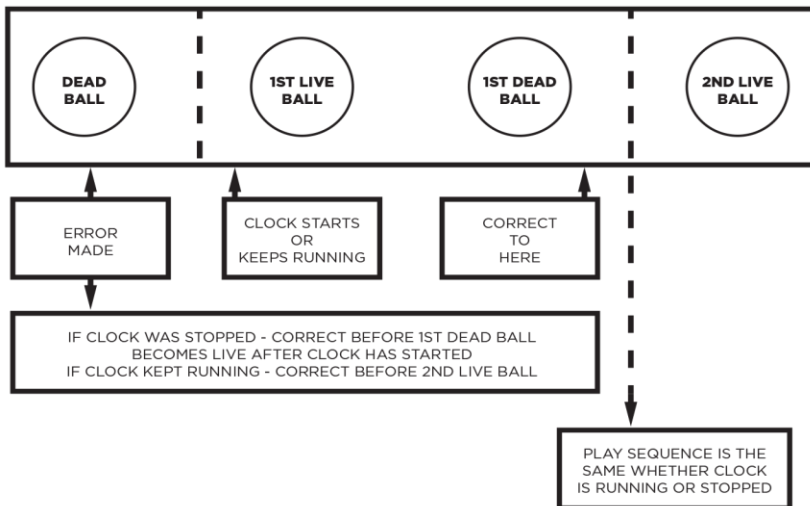
ELIMINATION OF TEAM CONTROL SIGNAL

ADD PROPER MECHANICS FOR TEAM AND PLAYER CONTROL. SPOT AND TABLE

- The player-control foul signal (hand behind the head) will be used to indicate a player-control foul as well as a team-control foul.
- The punch signal used in the past to indicate a team-control foul was confusing and often used inappropriately.



Correctable Errors

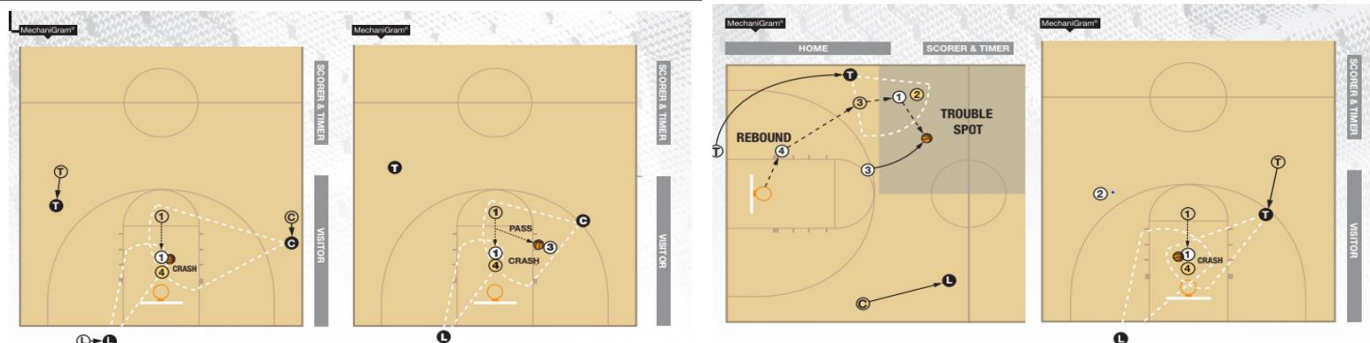


To understand and properly apply the correctable error rule, four questions must be answered.

1. What are the correctable errors?
2. When are they correctable?
3. How are errors corrected?
4. Who may appeal?

Pass and Crash

It is imperative that officials don't just watch the ball but stay with players and off ball officiate to pick up fouls such as the pass-and-crash. NFHS rule 4-12-2-b explains that an offensive foul in a pass-and-crash scenario is a team-control foul because "a team is in control of the ball while a live ball is being passed among teammates.





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SDHSAA 2023-24 RULE AND POLICY CHANGES

- Eliminated the two-bonus points Class A receives for playing against a Class AA opponent.
- For post season play: Rosters must be finalized with accurate name and number no later than Girls (all classes) February 12; and Boys (all classes) February 19. Changes after that date must be approved through the SHDSAA. A \$50 fine will be assessed, per participant for any changes requested after the deadline.
- Added Monday of Week 34 for Girls and Monday of Week 35 for Boys as a possible addition to play Region contests.
- All Classes: The mercy rule shall be used for all regular season, region and SoDak 16 contests. When the point differential reaches 30 or more points in the second half, the clock will continue to run. The clock will only be stopped for free throws and time-outs. Regular timing rules will be used if the score differential drops back to less than 20 points.
- Out-of-State Opponents: For contests against out-of-state opponents seed points will include all contests (regular and postseason) through the South Dakota cutoff date for each class listed in the handbook.
- No regular season contests shall be played after the cutoff date for each class set by the SDHSAA
- Eliminated restriction on pre-wrap as a hair control device. (Follow the NFHS rule with color restrictions applying)
- Continue with SoDak16 contests being played at a neutral site for Class A and B however direct SDHSAA staff to select sites that are in closer proximity to the higher seed for each contest.
- Mandate no more than 15 minutes to be used for warmup.
- Winter moratorium December 23 through December 26. No activities allowed during this time.
- Instant Replay: the use of a replay monitor during state championship series contests to determine if a scored goal at the expiration of the time in the fourth quarter, or any overtime period should be counted, and if so, determine if it is a two or three point goal.
- We only have two modifications remaining as we will follow all other NFHS rules.
 - Allow multiple manufacturers' logos/trademarks on visible undergarments with maximum size restriction of 2 ¼ x 2 ¼ square inches.
 - Undershirt rule: Sublimated or printed logos around the collar of the undershirt are permitted.
 - Based on the new rule with foul reset, South Dakota will no longer play contest in 16-18 minute halves.

REMINDERS AS WE TIP OFF ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

- Know which defender is yours
- Rotate quickly to get two officials on ball side, look for reason to rotate vs. to stay
- Call the obvious fouls or violations
- Do NOT major in minor – make it be there
- Freedom of movement - call illegal Screens, Hand-Checking, Body-Bumping & Rough Post plays
- Bench decorum - no unsportsmanlike behavior will be tolerated - including players and coaches
- Stay in your primary call area (PCA) - be mindful of dual coverage areas situational plays



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- Master the basics - know time, scores, foul counts, timeouts, AP arrow and key matchups
- Reward good defense with no calls, "no bail outs"
- Learn to allow the game to develop a flow
- Be consistent with the correct calls with your partners
- Communicate - with partners, table, coaches, players, game administrators
- Hustle - Get every angle necessary to see between players, movement with purpose
- Talk through your whistle to communicate with players during live ball action - communicate potential problems during dead balls with players and coaches
- Run the game - be firm, fair, professional, and courteous, please and thank you are important
- T & C get above the rim plays (i.e., Block shots, Basket Interference, goaltending, hanging on rim, etc.), diagonal drives & curl plays towards them
- Lead has ALL secondary defenders Block-Charge plays in his lap/down the middle of the lane
- Single whistles are GREAT for crew call accuracy...the further away stay away look but don't blow, it's not yours - triple & double whistles create "doubt" within the crew
- During dead balls come alive and listen/watch the players - watch players' body language and listen for trash talking
- Do not get surprised by/watch out for the "Dark Cloud" plays which can destroy our game (i.e., Technical fouls, Intentional fouls, Flagrant fouls, dead ball contact technicals, etc.)

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.