

South Dakota High School Activities Association

2017-2018 Basketball Pre-Season Newsletter

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The Basketball Season Will Soon Be Starting

The SDHSAA hopes everyone is excited for another basketball season and beginning to prepare for the 2017-18 basketball season. During this time of the year, the excitement of a new season and the opportunities that it provides gives all of you a re-energized focus to apply and implement all of the offseason development areas you may have addressed over the past months.

What can you do this year to better position yourself for success? Maybe it is a new level, more games or the elusive postseason assignment you have been working toward over the last several seasons.

Those who are looking to distinguish themselves in 2017-18 should look no further than the topic of “team officiating.” The best officials at all levels have the ability to know when to help the crew, the game and making others around you better by doing so.

SDHSAA and NFHS Mechanics

Communication and professionalism remain the most important elements of good officiating. It is important for officials to be familiar and comfortable with the proper NFHS officiating mechanics. The primary reasons for utilizing only approved NFHS mechanics are:

1. Effective communication between officiating partner(s)
2. Providing immediate information and feedback to coaches, players, scorers, timers, and knowledgeable fans
3. Foul calling - with a signal to stop the clock and appropriate eye contact with partner(s) the “double foul dilemma” can be avoided.

The National Federation and the SDHSAA are placing an important emphasis on proper high school officiating mechanics. High School basketball officials are in the business of providing the best possible communication you can through the use of our high school officiating mechanics. The use of proper mechanics is more important at the junior high and high school level than any other level of basketball.

The SDHSAA is challenging each of you to place a high priority on using the proper NFHS mechanics during the 2017-18 basketball season.

Contact Information

You recently received your 2017-18 SDHSAA basketball rules books, online testing and online rules meeting information and other important information for the 2017-18 basketball season. Review the information carefully.

Please note your contact information. You must notify the SDHSAA of any change of address, E-mail address, phone numbers, etc. It is very important to keep your mailing address and E-mail address up to date with the SDHSAA Office.

Online Meetings and Exams

As an official, you are required to complete the following online requirements annually:

- 1) View the online rules meeting
- 2) View the online mechanics meeting
- 3) Take and pass the online open-book rules exam with a score of 80% or better (two attempts)
- 4) Take and pass the online open-book mechanics exam with a score of 80% or better (two attempts)-- please note that this a 100-question exam this year

The deadline for completing your online requirements is THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 11:59 PM CENTRAL TIME. Please note that each requirement must be completed in its entirety prior the deadline date/time to receive credit.

Basketball Changes

The Sports Officials Council proposed some changes in order to be eligible for State Tournaments which were approved by the SDHSAA Board of Directors and will be in effect for the 2017-18 basketball season.

For the sub-state contests the requirement is that an official must work 7 regular season varsity girls' games for a region contest or must work 7 regular season varsity boys' games for a region contest. Gender specific. (No change).

The change is in the number of contests needed to be eligible for State Events. To be eligible for state tournaments, officials must work during the current school year a minimum of 12 regular season varsity contest (non-gender specific) to be eligible to officiate any post season contest.

Please note the change in the number of contests required to work to be eligible for State Basketball Tournaments.

Basketball Rules Information

SDHSAA Web Page Officials—Basketball

Basketball officials and coaches will need to review the basketball rules information posted on the SDHSAA web page. The information can be found on the Officials Page—Basketball.

NFHS

- Rules Changes: Information on Basketball Rules Changes – 2017-18; Rationale for rule changes
- Rules Interpretation: Game Situations and Rulings for basketball rules
- Points of Emphasis: Points of emphasis gives extra attention to issues where most needed. 2017-18 Points of Emphasis include—Head covering worn for Medical or religious reason; Team Control on Throw-In; Intentional Fouls; Guarding
- Other NFHS Basketball Resources: Two-Hand Foul Reporting; Recommended table side communication; Basketball comments on the Rules

SDHSAA

- **SDHSAA 2017-18 South Dakota Changes:** South Dakota changes for the upcoming 2017-18 season. SDHSAA modifications made to the NFHS Rules.
 - Round of 16 Format
 - All Classes—will use 35-second clock
 - Mercy Rule (Class A & Class B only)
- **Intentional Foul Videos—Please review before your first game!**
 - Videos were developed by the NFHS and IAABO and permission was granted to the SDHSAA to use as training tools for licensed officials
 - Intentional Foul Play #1
 - Intentional Foul Play #2
 - Intentional Foul Play #3
 - Intentional Foul Play #4

SOUTH DAKATO MODIFICATIONS TO NFHS RULES

- All Classes (AA, A and B) in boys and girls will use a 35-second clock
- Classes may choose to play contests in 16- or 18-minute halves
- Pre-wrap is not allowed as a headband and/or hair control device
- Allow multiple manufactures' logo/trademark on visible undergarments with a logo maximum restriction of 2 ¼ x 2 ¼ inches
- Sublimated or printed logos “around the collar” of the undershirt are permitted

Shot Clock

For the 2017-18 basketball season, a 35-second shot clock is to be used for all Classes of SDHSAA basketball contests.

Basketball officials and coaches will need to review the Shot Clock Information found on the SDHSAA web page. Officials Page -- Basketball

- Duties of the Shot Clock Operator
- Shot Clock Situations
- **Shot Clock Training PowerPoint:** This presentation is for officials, coaches and for those who will be operating the shot clock on the procedures of using the shot clock.

Mercy Rule

For Class A and Class B basketball games only:

1. When the point differential reaches **30** or more points in the second half, the clock will continue to run.
2. The clock will only be stopped for **all free throws** and time outs (team and official)
3. Regular timing rules will be used if score differential drops back to less than 20 points.

Any time a foul is called that will result in free throws the clock should stop. If the clock continues to run following a foul call, as soon as it is determined you will be shooting free throws, the clock should be stopped and shoot the free throws. Officials will not put time back on the clock that may have run off prior to recognizing free throws are to be shot.

The clock will resume upon the touching of the last missed free throw or when the last free throw is made, when the ball is legally touched following the throw-in.

Officials: Please send a copy of your schedule to your region coordinator for scheduling purposes. It is important to forward accurate and up to date schedules to your regional coordinator as he many times receives phone calls from Athletic Directors and other officials seeking officials to cover games.

SDHSAA Basketball Jamborees

- NEW officials must attend a jamboree once in the first two (2) years of registration, then must attend another jamboree during the next three (3) years.
 - CERTIFIED officials must attend a jamboree once every three (3) years. The jamboree requirement may be satisfied by jamboree attendance or acting as a clinician.
 - Officials must attend their initial jamboree prior to officiating any sub-state or state event.
 - Jamborees will be held Saturday, December 2, 2017.
 - DO YOU NEED TO MEET JAMBOREE REQUIREMENT?—Check your officials information on SDHSAA web site. **If your last jamboree year is listed as 2014 you will need to attend a jamboree this year.**
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2017-18 Basketball Region Meetings

You have received a list of basketball region dates for all eleven regions. Mark the dates for the region meetings in your area on your calendar.

Certified Basketball officials will need to attend TWO basketball region meetings to be eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic games and tournament. With the rules and mechanics meetings online this will be your opportunity to have face to face discussion with other officials in your region.

Be the official to step up and be a presenter at a region meeting. This will give you the opportunity to research a topic for discussion which will make you a better official. Be involved in your region meetings. Dedicate yourself to getting better—become the best official you want to be. Ask questions at region meetings!

Off Season Rules/Mechanics Study

This time of year is the perfect time to learn the rules not just read the rules. When the season is going and you are constantly on the go from games to family to job to more games, there is not enough time to dive into deep rules study. But that time is available now.

Vow to master the rules. Be the smartest person on the court regarding knowledge of the rules. Learn rules, study casebook plays and analyze new rules to help instill confidence in your officiating. It is your responsibility to KNOW the rules.

You get paid to know the rules. Learn from your mistakes—don't wait for the mistake to repeat itself before you take the time to find the proper ruling.

Study the mechanics manual and apply the mechanics in every one of your games. A few minutes of rules study each week is more important than reading the books once in a single sitting.

Understand The Intent Of The Rule Not Just The Rule

Fundamentals Are Key

Knowing the rules of the game is only one of the many facets needed to be a successful official. The rules are based on a few basic fundamentals. If you can master the fundamentals, rules comprehension will be much easier.

The NFHS rules book Page 73 has the list of basketball rules fundamentals. Mastery of the fundamental statements will permit proper application of the rules during a game. Mastery of the rules thus becomes an exercise in reasoning, not in the immediate recall of isolated statements.

2017-2018 Basketball Region Coordinators

Region 1	Northeast Area	Contact Doug Ruesink Home: 793-2321; Cell 881-7800 Email: doug.ruesink@k12.sd.us
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Region 5	Mitchell Area	Contact Andy Deinert Cell: 999-4924 Email: andy.deinert@vantagepnt.com
Region 6	James Valley	Contact Greg Blue Cell: 354-3216 Email: blue.farms@yahoo.com
Region 7	Northern Plains	Contact Paul Rozell Cell: 380-0034 Email: paul.rozell3350@gmail.com
Region 8	Northwest	Contact Scott Katus Home: 701-522-3453 Cell: 701-455--3715 Email: skatus86@gmail.com
Region 9	Central	Contact Eric Booth Cell 280-2367 Email: ebooth8696@pie.midco.net
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Prepare—hopefully you began to prepare weeks ago

- The game is about fitness and appearance, position and movement, judgment, game control and poise, and relationships
- Stay in shape rather than get in shape—You cannot officiate yourself into shape

- Athletic officiating is a vigorous avocation and it demands that an official be in excellent physical condition, able to give the very best, on every play, in every contest.
- The SDHSAA recommends that each official have an annual physical examination and practice good health habits
- As importantly, officials owe good health habits to themselves and their families if for nothing more, than the health of it.

Check Your Equipment

- Pre-season preparation applies to updating one’s uniform. Take the time to review your uniform annually so that you present a clean, crisp, neat uniform. As we all know, “you never have a second chance to make a first impression”.
- It is also important to review your other officiating equipment; shoes, socks, undergarments, equipment bags, and other officiating supplies to make your uniform complete. Many officials work more than one game per week and need the ability to have multiple uniforms available for their use.
- Don’t compromise your appearance by attempting to make that shirt and pant last another year.
- Game control starts with your appearance and the professionalism that goes with it. Be fit; be neat, be sharp.

Official Jacket Information: - Black, SDHSAA logo on jacket or “college style” jacket. All crew members must match style or jacket, either college style or traditional SDHSAA style would be acceptable. Don’t feel the need to go buy a new “college style” jacket. Preference is still High School jacket, as we are a high school sport.

Officials or Coaches If you have a question about a rule interpretation, a play situation or a mechanic question that officials or coaches statewide should know about or the SDHSAA should know about to help make the game of basketball better for everyone involved in the game of basketball—please send your concerns to be included in the basketball bulletins.

Send your concerns to Buck Timmins at

- buck.timmins@k12.sd.us
- Home Phone: 605-996-1486
- Cell Phone: 933-1493

Taking Care of Business

- Pay special attentions to your loved ones. They sacrifice a lot to enable you to do what you do.
 - During the season, be sure your officiating travel meshes with your responsibilities at home. Plan ahead so you are not rushing out the door in a frenzy. Give everyone a hug, a kiss, and a smile before you leave.
 - Be sure officiating travel coordinates with your work responsibilities. Your job is what pays the bills; don’t take chances with your livelihood.
 - Confirm all your dates, times, locations, and crewmates.
 - Have your cell phone with you -- Carry important phone numbers with you.
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