

South Dakota High School Activities Association

2018-2019 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 2018-19 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 2018-19 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 2018-19 basketball season.

Contact Information

You recently received your 2018-19 SDHSAA basketball rules books, online testing and online rules meeting information and other important information for the 2018-19 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.

South Dakota Modifications To The NFHS Rules

1. All classes (AA, A and B) in boys and girls will use a 35-second clock.
2. Classics may choose to play contests in 16- or 18-minute halves.
3. Pre-wrap is not allowed as a headband and/or hair control device.
4. Allow multiple manufacturers' logo/trademark on visible undergarments with a logo maximum restriction of 2 ¼ x 2 ¼ inches.
5. Sublimated or printed logos around the collar of the undershirt are permitted.
6. Rule 3-5-5 states that apparel shall be worn in the manner the manufacturer intended it to be worn; however, the SDHSAA understands that uniform shorts do not fit every team player the same. Therefore, basketball shorts may be rolled; however, neither the interior elastic waistband nor drawstring shall be exposed. The SDHSAA officials will not concern themselves with waistbands which are rolled as long as the above criterion is met.
7. Headband may be up to 3" wide with no ties, black, white or predominant color of uniform and all participants wearing them must be alike.
8. Class A & B only: mercy rule shall be used for all regular season, Region, and SoDak 16 contests. When the point differential reach 30 or more points in the third or fourth quarter, the clock will continue to run. The clock will only be stopped for free throws and timeouts. Regular timing will be used if the score differential drops back to less than 20 points.

Statements To Think About When Preparing For The Season

- Don't ever think you're so good you can't get better.
 - Be the very best high school basketball official you want to be—You are somebody—You are a high school basketball official.
 - Make this season the best—start getting ready now—what areas of your officiating do you need to work on?
 - Never think you are as good as you can be - Be A Little Better!
 - You as an official have special skills that many people do not have.
 - Need to have a passion for the game to get better
 - How you act when nobody is watching is as important when people are watching.
 - Be a good listener to partners, the players, the coaches.
 - Respect primary area of coverage.
 - Learn the art of managing people—deal with people.
 - Ask yourself the question "How hard do I have to work to be the best?"
 - Preparation gets you there!
 - Criticism comes with officiating. Plan on it. You have to learn to love it when they BOO!
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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) **NEW: ANNUALLY** take and pass the online open-book mechanics exam with a score of 80% or better (two attempts)

The deadline for completing your online requirements is **FRIDAY, 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.

Eligible for Basketball Tournaments

Only certified officials are eligible to officiate sub-state and state athletic games providing all requirements are met.

To be eligible for any post season tournament, officials must work during the current school year a minimum of 12 regular season varsity contests (non-gender specific) to be eligible to officiate any post season contest.

Shot Clock - -Review

For the 2018-19 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.

Basketball Rules Information

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.

BASKETBALL RULES INFORMATION---NFHS

- Rules Changes: Information on Basketball Rules Changes – 2018-19; 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. 2018-19 Points of Emphasis include—Establishing pivot foot and traveling; Legal guarding position, block charge, screening, verticality; Loose ball recovery; Officiating professionalism and use of proper terminology
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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 an additional jamboree during the next three (3) years.
 - **NEW THIS YEAR:** Registered officials must attend a jamboree every 5 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 1, 2018.
 - DO YOU NEED TO MEET JAMBOREE REQUIREMENT?—Check your officials information on SDHSAA web site. **Your jamboree information on the website is now listed as “Jamboree needed by/in”, telling you that you must have a jamboree by or in that year.**
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2018-19 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.

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 78 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.

2018-2019 Basketball Region Coordinators

Region 1 Northeast Area	Contact Doug Ruesink Email: doug.ruesink@k12.sd.us	Home: 793-2321 Cell 881-7800
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Region 5 Mitchell Area	Contact Andy Deinert Email: andy.deinert@vantagepnt.com	Cell: 999-4924
Region 6 James Valley	Contact Greg Blue Email: blue.farms@yahoo.com	Cell: 354-3216
Region 7 Northern Plains	Contact Paul Rozell Email: paul.rozell3350@gmail.com	Cell: 380-0034
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Region 11 183 Officials	Contact Quint Garnos Email: qsgarnos@kennebectelephone.com	Home: 895-2425 Cell 680-1598

USE OF PROPER TERMINOLOGY

The use of proper terminology is one of many steps to ensure that the perception of game officials and the reality of their actions remain on a higher plane and a critical part of the game. A few examples of using the proper terminology include:

- Backboard (NOT Glass)
- Division Line (NOT Center, Mid-Court, or Time Line)
- End Line (NOT Baseline)
- Fumble (NOT a Muff)
- Goal (NOT Basket)
- Grant Time-Out (NOT Call Time-Out)
- Held Ball (NOT Jump Ball)
- Obtain (NOT establish)
- Officiate Game (NOT Call, Control, Manage, Ref, Work; Officials Officiate the Game)
- Request Time-Out (NOT Call Time-Out)
- Ring (NOT Rim)
- Screen (NOT Pick)
- 60-Second Time-Out (NOT Full Time-Out)
- Traveling (NOT Walk)

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

Are You Ready For The Season?

You can't come into the season cold and expect success. Spend the proper amount of time reviewing the rulebook, casebook and mechanics manual so you're prepared for game situations.

Get in shape before the season so you're ready to keep up with the players and to lessen the chance of being sidelined by injury. Make sure your uniform is clean and in good condition.

The time you spend preparing to step on the court is vital to your success on the court.
