

SDHSAA

Basketball Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to another season that will be more than likely appear to be like no other basketball season we have experienced. We are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to get through the season without too many changes, but we also know that we will have to be flexible throughout the season. The goal would be to play every contest that is scheduled and you are contracted for, but we also have to be realistic and understand that we are living within a pandemic that does not seem to care about our scheduled activities or how it might change things for us. Therefore, we simply ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times.

REMEMBRANCE

As you all know, we experienced a tragic loss on Nov. 16. Buck is remembered as a person who truly loved sports. He had a passion for teaching and helping others to become better officials. We are all better officials because of Buck! His ability to communicate and guide people to be better officials and individuals will live on in each of us. His work, presence and professionalism will be great missed. RIP, my friend.



COVID UPDATES:

1. FACE COVERINGS (MASK)

As you know, our BOD took action last week to STRONGLY RECOMMEND mask use for anyone not actively participating in the contest AND for schools to develop a model to limit attendance (based on the facility size) for each contest. This includes but is not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, support staff and all others attending/participating in school activities to wear a face covering in the manner it is intended to be worn while at the event venue and for the duration of the event. The exception would be for athletes during the actual time they are competing (10 players) and for officials(3) during active play. Officials should check with schools PRIOR to arrival on site. Some schools may have restrictions upon entrance into the facility, and you will need to abide by those general school policies throughout the match. Players and officials are permitted to wear facemasks during play. Bandanas as a face covering are not permitted due to the knot in the back as a tie.

2. HAND SANITIZER

Have hand sanitizer available for athletes and officials to readily use and use often upon ENTERING AND EXITING the contest. This is something so simple, but we ALL need to do our part in helping to slow the spread of germs! PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

3. BENCH SEATING

We ask that only team personnel be allowed on the benches. Stats/managers/ book keepers, etc. should find an alternate area.

4. **WHISTLE POUCHES/COVERINGS**

Officials, we need some type of whistle covering for your officials whistles, which is necessary for protection from aerosol that could potentially spread each time you blow your whistle. If you have not yet purchased something, here are some options.

<https://www.smitteez.com/index.php/products/smitty-whistle-shield>

<https://www.smitteez.com/index.php/products/smitty-whistle-pocket-cover>

<https://www.amazon.com/Clarity-Combine-Comfort-Polycarbonate-Reusable/dp/B08DBWNPLR> some officials in other states have found some success with this face shield.

CALLING FOR THE CURE GAMES

The dates of January 4-January 16 have been set aside for contests that wish to be designated for the theme of Calling for the Cure or Good Samaritan Feet contests. We would ask that games be scheduled during these times if you wish to participate in such a contest. That way, officials know that these exceptions may take place during these dates for the special occasion.

If you have any questions about your event, please call the office and ask prior to the event-taking place and I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

This is very important that we get this taken care of right away as the season begins. Coaches, make sure your players know what equipment is considered legal, and what is illegal. If we address these issues early in the season, we should not have to be dealing with them later on. **Reminder, if players are not legally equipped, they are not allowed to enter the contest. If they are found in the contest, they must come out of the contest until equipment is made legal.**

NFHS Rule 3-5 is very clear team member's equipment and apparel, specifically pertaining to headbands, wristbands, leg sleeves, arm sleeves and/or tights.

If worn – all headbands, wristbands, leg sleeves, arm sleeves and/or tights must be the same color for all teammates.

Arm and Leg Sleeves (Rule 3-5-3)

Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves compression shorts and tights are permissible:

- a. Anything worn on the arm and/or leg is a sleeve, except a knee brace, and shall meet the color restrictions.
- b. The sleeves/tights, compression shorts shall be black, white, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and the same color sleeves/tights shall be worn by all teammates.
- c. All sleeves/tights, compression shorts shall be the same color and must be the same color as any headband or wristband worn.
- d. Must meet the logo requirements in Rule 3-6.

Headbands/Wristbands – NFHS Rule 3-5-4

Wristbands and headbands shall meet the following guidelines:

- a. Headbands and wristbands shall be white, black, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and shall be the same color for each item and all participants. They must be the same color as any sleeve/tights worn. See NFHS BB rule 3-6 for logo restrictions.
- b. Headband is any item that goes around the entire head. It must be a circular design without extensions. If worn, only one headband is permitted, it must be worn on the forehead/crown, it must be nonabrasive and unadorned, and it must be a maximum of 3 inches. Knots are not permitted in headbands.
- c. If worn, only one wristband is permitted on each wrist, each must be worn on the arm below the elbow, each must be moisture-absorbing nonabrasive and unadorned, and each must be a maximum of 4 inches wide.

Key item: If worn – all headbands, wristbands, leg sleeves, arm sleeves, knee pads and/or tights must be the same color for all teammates.

Undershirts- NFHS Rule 3-5-6

Undershirts shall be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey and shall be hemmed and not have frayed or ragged edges. If the undershirt has sleeves, they shall be the same length.

SD Exception to logo on the undershirt: Sublimated or printed logos around the collar of the undershirt are permitted.

****Best of luck as we begin our season. Questions: Feel free to contact me at: jo.auch@sdhsaa.com