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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

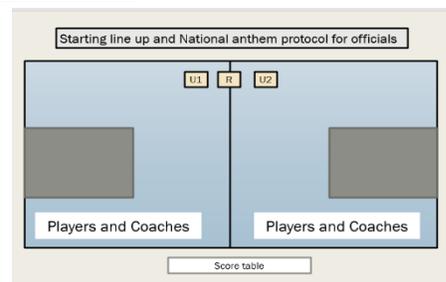
Happy holidays to all! I know everyone is ready to put 2020 in the rear view mirror and move forward into 2021 with a new vision and hope for a better year, minus COVID-19 protocols. Help is on the way and it looks promising for 2021 with hopes of the vaccines distribution soon to the public. As we move forward, continue to practice proper protocols of sanitizing/washing hands, social distancing, and wearing masks to and from contests and in locker rooms. We are not out of the woods yet, but I am confident that our “Christmas Miracle” is upon us! Stay safe and have blessed and happy holiday season and an even better NEW YEAR!

WINTER MORATORIUM

Let this serve as everyone’s reminder that the winter moratorium runs from December 23-26, in which no activities may take place on those. These dates are the same every year and schools should keep their doors closed to practices, open gyms, and other activities during these dates.

STARTING LINE UP AND NATIONAL ANTHEM PROTOCOL SUGGESTED CHANGE

I have had some concerns about the starting game procedure once warmups are completed and we are announcing starting line ups and national anthem. Every gym and every situation is different so you need to do what works for the facility, but here is another **option** for you that might help to provide some social distancing. Officials can simply stay opposite the score table during warm-ups, starting line ups and the national anthem. After all the pregame ceremony and we are ready to start the ball game, the U1 can simply go to the table, grab the ball and toss it over to the R and we are ready to go. As always, use common sense in these areas and protocols to help one another to stay safe and maintain as much social distancing as possible. Every gymnasium is different and you have to make adjustments on procedures that work for you.



TIMEOUT CALLED BY THE TEAM WITHOUT THE BALL

You’re Not Supposed to Get One

Team A is dribbling the ball and Team B’s coach is requesting a time-out. Of course, you as the official

should NOT honor this request but by error, the official stops the clock in response to the coach's request. So now what?

Page 45 in the NFHS Basketball Casebook (Situation 5.8.3 Situation E)

- If the official erroneously GRANTED the time-out, then by rule (5-8-3) the time-out must be administered. Team B is entitled to use the time-out since it was granted. It cannot be revoked and must be charged to Team B, while both teams can enjoy the time-out. Team A will get the ball back to resume play.
- If the official stopped the clock but did NOT GRANT the time-out and recognized the error, BEFORE granting — this would be considered an “inadvertent whistle.” Play would be resumed from the point-of-interruption where team A is in possession of the ball.

BLOCK/CHARGE

By definition, a block or charge foul occurs when a defender impedes his/her opponent to stop him/her from going in that direction. If he/she does not obtain legal defensive position and contact occurs, it is a blocking foul.

Basics for understanding the rule:

- Obtain initial legal guarding position, on a player with the ball - defender must get to the spot first without contact, have both feet touching the playing court and initially face the opponent.
- Once the initial guarding position is established, the defender may move laterally or at an angle or backward in order to maintain legal guarding position. Keep in mind once legal guarding position is established; the defender need not be stationary and may continue to move in order to stay in front of the person with the ball.
- Once defender has legal guarding position, the defender may raise his/her hands in a normal stance or may jump vertically within his/her vertical plane.
- A defender may turn or duck to absorb shock of contact.
- A player is NEVER permitted to move in the path of an opponent after the opponent has jumped in the air.
- An extended arm, shoulder, hip, or leg into the path of an opponent that causes contact is not considered LEGAL GUARDING position.

Guarding the player with the ball:

- Time and distance are of no consequence. If the defender gets to the spot first and is in legal guarding position, the onus is on the player with the ball.
- The defender is never permitted to move into an opponent and cause contact.
- If a player with the ball gets his/her shoulders past the front of the torso of the defender and contact occurs, the greater responsibility for subsequent contest is on the defender.
- When an offensive player receives a long pass with his/her back turned and places one foot on the playing court and crashes into an opponent who has obtained legal guarding position, it is a player control foul.



Here is NFHS video review for you on the Block/Charge:

<https://www.sdhsaa.com/Portals/0/Videos/Basketball/BlockCharge.mp4>

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Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!