BOARD #34

BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

5 KEY TALKING POINTS

GET TRAINED • STAY ELIGIBLE • BE READY

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PRESEASON GUIDE

Every official should read the statewide preseason guide. It contains requirements, deadlines, rule changes, points of emphasis, eligibility information and training resources.

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IAABO CENTRAL TRAINING

Officials must complete the required game simulation and rules refresher/rule-change course through IAABO Central. Completion will be tracked.

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NJSIAA/ARBITER TEST

Officials must complete the NJSIAA requirement in Arbiter, including certification that the required IAABO Central training has been completed.

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NOVEMBER 1 GOAL

Board #34 should encourage every member to complete preseason requirements by November 1, giving leadership time to address missing requirements before eligibility and assignment restrictions occur.

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INTERPRETATION MEETING

An approved rules interpretation meeting remains mandatory. Online training does not replace attendance this season.

COMPLETE EARLY.
OFFICIATE CONFIDENTLY.

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NEXT FIVE TALKING POINTS

KNOW THE RULES • ENFORCE CONSISTENTLY • PROTECT THE GAME

6 NJSIAA

NJ RULE MODIFICATIONS

There are no new New Jersey-specific modifications this season. Existing modifications remain in effect and need consistent enforcement.

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SHOT CLOCK

The shot clock is not part of normal New Jersey high-school basketball this season. Officials should wait for formal guidance concerning implementation for the following season.

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COACHING BOX

Officials should enforce coaching-box restrictions. New Jersey's modification provides an enforcement option that does not necessarily require issuing a technical foul.

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UNIFORMS

Uniform enforcement is a priority. Officials must also recognize that some girls' uniforms are legally designed to be worn outside the shorts and should not be incorrectly penalized.

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SPORTSMANSHIP

Officials are expected to address inappropriate behavior involving players, coaches and spectators and use the NJSIAA reporting system when circumstances warrant additional review.

SAME STANDARDS. BETTER BASKETBALL.

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NEXT FIVE TALKING POINTS

EDUCATE • ENFORCE • COMMUNICATE • SUPPORT EACH OTHER

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OBSERVATIONS

Officials will continue to be evaluated. Major red flags include:

- Uniform enforcement
- Coaching-box enforcement
- Sportsmanship
- Physical conditioning
- Play calling
- Game management

Observations can affect postseaaon opportunities.

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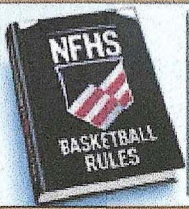

NFHS RULES

Officials need a strong understanding of the major changes and clarifications involving:

- Throw-ins
- Alternating possession
- Basket interference/goaltending
- Traveling
- Continuous motion
- Screening
- Timing corrections
- Dead-ball fouls
- Player equipment

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CLOCK CORRECTIONS

Officials should understand the expanded guidance for handling clock malfunctions and timing mistakes, including when reliable official counts can be used to correct the clock.

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INTERPRETER POWERPOINT

The IAABO/NFHS interpreter presentation contains proprietary material and must not be distributed to members. It is intended for interpreters to use during presentations.

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COMMUNICATION

Board #34 leadership should repeatedly remind members about training, meetings and deadlines rather than relying on a single email.

BOTTOM LINE FOR BOARD #34

- GET OUR MEMBERS TRAINED AND ELIGIBLE EARLY.
- KNOW THE RULES.
- ENFORCE THEM CONSISTENTLY.
- EMPHASIZE SPORTSMANSHIP AND GAME MANAGEMENT.
- DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE.