



MCOA BASKETBALL
Meeting Minutes
Oct 9, 2017



I. Call to Order:

A. Called to order by Commissioner Calvin Wright at approx. 6:00 pm at the Eau Gallie H.S. Cafeteria. We were led in Prayer by Mr. Parker. Handouts were distributed on Rule Changes and Points of Emphasis.

II. Reminder:

A. The FHSAA will be using the FHSAA Central Hub section of the Arbiter for online officials' registration and testing. You can access it through this link; <http://officials.fhsaa.org/>. Follow instruction for new or returning officials.

B. Registration deadline is 17 October. Late registration does not apply for new officials. There is a cost for late registration for all others.

C. Test Dates are Sep 18th thru Oct 24th. Complete as soon as possible to prevent log jam at the end of testing cycle. **Must have a minimum score of 75 to officiate varsity games and a minimum score of 80 to officiate playoff games.**

D. New Members: Register w/ FHSAA and do security/badge requirement with Brevard County Public Schools.

E. If you expect to get paid get a W-9 to Mr. Pressman as soon as possible.

F. We need volunteers for our committees. The Recommendations Committee is one of the most important. See commissioner or a supervisor. Only volunteer if you do not want to be on a playoff crew. Everyone's participation is greatly appreciated.

G. The varsity season is fast approaching. Check your uniforms and equipment to ensure you have everything you need.

III. Training:

Mandatory 3-man training will be at Palm Bay High School for varsity officials Sunday Oct 15th. Email with more details will be forwarded. Wear black shorts and bring both shirts.

IV. Rules and Points of Emphasis:

A. Gary P. goes over all of the rule changes and Dwayne Mac talks about the points of emphasis. Members went into detailed discussion on the extended coaching box (from the 28 ft line to the end line) and the warning for coach/team conduct rule. Warning should be recorded in the scorebook. A warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul. This year the NFHS's points of emphasis are on:

1) Equipment worn on the head for medical or religious reasons: Specific procedures have been established for allowing a head covering to be worn for medical or religious reasons. A player who is required to wear a head covering for medical or religious reasons must provide a physician statement or appropriate documented evidence to the state association for approval. If approved, the state association shall provide written authorization to the school to be made available to officials.

2) Team control, throw-in: The relevance of team control during a throw-in only applies when a member of the throw-in team fouls. Such fouls shall be ruled team control fouls. Team control during a throw-in is NOT intended to be the same as player control/team control inbounds. Team control inbounds is established when a player from either team who has inbound status gains control of the ball. During the throw-in, 10-seconds, 3-seconds, frontcourt status, backcourt status, closely guarded, etc., are NOT factors as there has yet to be player control/team control obtained inbounds.

3) Intentional Fouls. The committee is concerned about the lack of enforcement for intentional fouls during any part of the game but especially at the end of a game. The intentional foul rule has evolved into misapplication and personal interpretations. An intentional foul is a personal or technical foul that may or may not be premeditated and is not based solely on the severity of the act, it is contact that:

- Neutralizes an opponent's obvious advantageous position.
- Contact on an opponent who is clearly not in the play.
- May be excessive contact.
- Contact that is not necessarily premeditated or based solely on the severity of the act.

This type of foul may be strategic to stop the clock or create a situation that may be tactically done for the team taking action. This foul may be innocent in severity, but without any playing of the ball, it becomes an intentional act such as a player wrapping their arms around an opponent. The act may be excessive in its intensity and force of the action. These actions are all intentional fouls and are to be called as such. Officials must be aware of the game situations as the probability of fouling late in the game is an accepted coaching strategy and is utilized by many coaches in some form. Officials must have the courage to enforce the intentional foul rule properly.

4) Guarding. The addition of rule 10.7.12, has been successful in its intent to clean up illegal contact on the ballhandler/dribbler and post players. Players are attempting to replace this illegal contact with contact observed as **“body bumping”**. **Illegal contact with the body must be ruled a foul however, officials must accurately identify if the defense or offense causes the contact and penalize the player causing the illegal contact. Once a defensive player obtains legal guarding position by facing an opponent with both feet of the floor inbounds, he/she may move to maintain that position in any direction except toward the offensive player being guarded when contact occurs. The defense is not required to keep both feet on the playing court and may jump vertically or laterally to maintain the legal position. If contact occurs prior to the offensive player getting head and shoulders past the defender the responsibility is on the offensive player.**

B. Commissioner wants to make sure we only converse with the head coach as they are the ones who are responsible for the team (players and bench personnel) and make all the decisions before, during and immediately after the game.

Only the head coach can call time outs. Make sure we identify who is asking for a timeout before awarding it.

It is a courtesy to ask coaches what type of timeout they want. Don't waste time trying to get them to respond. There are some that try to gain extra time. Use good judgment. If they don't respond in a timely manner award them a 60 second timeout.

Make sure we are watching for and distinguishing when a player has or hasn't established their pivot foot. Often times we miss or call traveling violations because we didn't pinpoint when they established their pivot foot.

V. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for all winter sports with High School coaches on October 16, 2017 at 6 pm in the Viera media center. Please be in time. Thank you.

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CALVIN WRIGHT

Commissioner, MCOA

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DWAYNE MCCOY

Secretary, MCOA