



MCOA BASKETBALL
Meeting Minutes
Oct 15, 2018



I. Called to order by Commissioner Calvin Wright at approx. 6:30 pm at Viera H.S. Mandatory meeting with High School coaches present. Mr. Willis led us in prayer.

II. First order of business was to give out State Service Certificates to officials:

10 Year – Jim Draus, David Gartrelle, Robert Craft, Sam Walton, Javier Mazza, Brian Wetzel, Ben Hay and Robert Wills; 15 – Ed Bertot, Greg Florence, Lloyd Roberts, Thomas Ford, Marcus Lumpkin and Stephen Glossza; 20 – Joseph Hutten, Lydia Castro and Calvin Wright; 25 – Sam Hall and Kenny Smith; 30 – Billie Simmon and McGrath; 45 – Larry Torchia

III. Mr. Clifford Lett and Mr. Gary Parker were introduced as the north and south supervisors, respectively. Coaches were instructed that they can call/email either if they have issues that need to be addressed. Evaluations – Lloyd Roberts and Training – Harold Jones. Our main focus is and will continue to be consistency among every official and training.

The commissioner reminded the coaches on getting their preseason and regular season schedules in as soon as possible. He also made aware that the association is looking for opportunities to use their practice/scrimmage session as a training opportunity for some of our officials as well as their team. The association may be conducting a State Clinic and we will need a few teams to assist.

IV. New Rule and Points of Emphasis:

Exception to Backcourt Violation: The NFHS Basketball Rules Committee recommended the changes at its April 9-11 meeting in Indianapolis. Rule 9-9-1 states that “a player shall not be the first to touch the ball after it has been in team control in the frontcourt, if he/she or a teammate last touched or was touched by the ball in the frontcourt before it went to the backcourt.” An exception was approved to note that **any player who was located in the backcourt may recover a ball that is deflected from the frontcourt by the defense.**

Several points of emphasis were identified for the coming season: concussion recognition and protocols, proper procedures for blood issues, coaches monitoring injury and research trends. Stress continued education in recognizing signs and symptoms of concussions for coaches, athletes, parents and officials. In addition, concern of overuse injuries due to sport specialization should be monitored, and recognition of blood on players and uniforms and the proper procedure for removal of blood and return to play are other areas for education. Coaches have primary responsibility for making sure players are

wearing legal uniforms and are legally equipped. Rule enforcement in the areas of **traveling, legal guarding position, illegal screens, piling on by player(s) going for a loose ball and establishing possession during loose-ball situations**. Lastly, ***the committee believes official professionalism and use of proper terminology should be emphasized***. Changes provide more clarification in areas where there has been inconsistency in interpretation. The points of emphasis are geared toward sports medicine issues and consistent interpretation of playing rules.

V. Open Discussion/Interpretation and Feedback with Coaches:

- 1)** More consistency with calls between officials in games and from one night to the next
- 2)** There needs to be someone at the game who is qualified to handle blood related protocols
- 3)** The NFHS coaching box of 28 feet will be used this year.
- 4)** Officials should be approachable for rules interpretation. Do so in a respectful manner during dead balls or timeouts. Officials don't have to engage statements or questions on judgment calls.
- 5)** Incidental contact defined: but basically: *incidental contact is when marginal contact occurs between two or more players but a foul has not been committed. Contact is part of basketball provided it's while performing normal defensive and offensive duties, reaching for a loose ball, or otherwise provided that the contact doesn't allow a player to gain an advantage on the play.*
- 6)** Try to ensure most experienced officials are on rival and most competitive games. Also have more seasoned officials present to help/support the Freshman and JV officials.
- 7)** Brief explanation on why there may be a disparity on fouls called between the two teams... **a)** one team more aggressive, **b)** style of play, **c)** lack of defensive training or **d)** ALL THE ABOVE
- 8)** Uniform/Apparel wear: **a)** No scarfs – head bands must be one solid piece no more than 2 ¼ in w/ only one logo; see rules book **b)** T-shirt must be predominate color of the jersey, only one logo allowed and no cut off sleeves **c)** Anything worn on arms/wrist/legs/head must be the same color for all team members

VI. Meeting adjourned at approx. 7:45 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Oct 22, 2018 at 6 pm in the Eau Gallie H.S. cafeteria.

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CALVIN WRIGHT

Commissioner, MCOA

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Secretary, MCOA