

Connecticut State Board of Approved Basketball Officials

Interpreters Bulletin



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Welcome to the 2016-2017 Basketball Season! There are minimal rules changes for this coming season. Officials will continue to enforce the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Points of Emphasis, which allows each team to compete equally through the use of skill, athleticism and *Freedom of Movement Principles*. The Connecticut High School Basketball Rules Interpreters have developed this "Bulletin" as a communication resource to share among basketball officials, athletic directors and coaches. Our objective is to promote a common understanding to the rules that regulate the game of high school basketball. In future bulletins, we will describe actual play scenarios to aid in your understanding of specific rulings.

Connecticut has six (6) area Rules Interpreters, and a State Interpreter who serves as our liaison to the CIAC. We are members of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO); the world's oldest, largest and most respected organization dedicated to the education and continuous improvement of basketball officials. We annually train our officials to follow the rules and *Points of Emphasis* promulgated by the CIAC and the NFHS. Following are the High School Basketball Rules Interpreters and their geographic area:

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A message from State Interpreter Peter Palermino:

Each Connecticut Board Rules Interpreter has been charged with delivering IAABO's message of "**One Rule, One Interpretation, One Set of Approved Mechanics**". With that in mind, all officials are obligated to *enforce the rules as written, points of emphasis, and good sportsmanship* throughout every contest. Partnerships between the CIAC, NFHS and IAABO have been created over many years to achieve these goals.

High school athletics are educationally-based, thus we share a commitment to support and enforce the value of healthy competition and good sportsmanship between student-athletes.

Coaches are encouraged to contact their local rules interpreter, as well as myself, regarding any rules questions or interpretations of the rules during the basketball season.



RULES CHANGES FOR 2016-2017

2016-2017 NFHS RULES CHANGES

Disqualified or injured player – a team is allowed 15 (was 20) seconds to replace. This is not a charged timeout to the team.

Players along the free throw lane line are not allowed to enter the free throw semi-circle, until the ball hits the ring.

Non-playing personnel (cheerleaders, media) shall remain outside the playing area during 30-second or less time-out during game and outside the free throw lane lines in back of basket and during game action, must remain outside the free throw lane lines (under the basket.)

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Post Play: contact by defensive and offensive players needs more attention.

Rebounding: illegal contact during rebounding leads to many injuries and must be penalized, not ignored.

Protecting the Free Throwers: The players occupying free throw lane spaces may not break the outside plane of the free throw line prior to the ball contacting the basket ring.

Requesting/Granting a Time-Out – A coach and/or player can request a time-out but an official cannot grant a timeout to a team unless a player from that team has control of the ball. Thus, a request for a time-out might not be granted.

Key Rule Reminders from previous years:

- The official scorer must wear a black/white referee shirt or black& white vertical garment.

- Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves, compression shorts and tights are permissible and shall meet the color restrictions. Sleeves/tights shall be black, white, beige or the predominate color of the uniform and must be the same color as the head band and wrist band and worn by all teammates. **RULES 3-5-3c & 3.5.4a:**

- The following acts constitute a foul when committed against a player in control of the ball. A player is in control of the ball when holding or dribbling the ball. This includes any player.
 - a. Placing two hands on the player.
 - b. Placing an extended arm on the player.
 - c. Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
 - d. Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

Comment – Illegal acts should be ruled for every position on the floor. **RULE 10-12**

- The CIAC wants the Coaching Box to be marked as required by the NFHS rule. The Coaching Box is measured 28 feet from the end line toward the division line, then 14 feet down back towards the end line. Only head coaches are permitted to stand during play. (Rule 1-13-2) If home management refuses to mark the coaching boxes with gym floor tape, the CIAC has instructed IAABO officials to alert the home team that their head coach must remain seated for the entire game. However, the visiting team head coach will be allowed to stand in an area designated by the referee.