

PRE GAME CONFERENCE

Some points of emphasis before the game

1. Eye contact in every situation:

- The most important point of good (problem-free) team - work is in the situations of double calls giving a sign to the other co officials throw ins and also in rotations.....

2. The free throws situation:

- Precise administration, take care about possible violation at the only one or last free throw. Don't take away from teams possibility for substitutions – before BOUNCING THE BALL TO THE SHOOTER check if somebody is asking for substitution, remember the shooter in case of time-out!!!

3. The called foul:

- Keep control of all players when foul was called and your colleague is making report to the table – all the time all the players must be under control!! Remember the player who has to shot free throws.

4. Communication during throw-in situations:

Check your crew mates if they are already in their respective positions and ready to continue, before you handle the ball to the player for throw in. Pay attention for subs., time outs and if there is bonus for free throws.....

5. Ball touch – out of bound situations:

- Help only when there is a request from your colleague! If not – don't create a problem!!!

6. Three point attempts:

- Primary and only responsibility of center and trail

7. Role of the center:

- Very important position – must help at the rebound situation, and also in fast break situation.

8. Unsportsmanlike fouls, behavior, conduct:

- Establish in the beginning of the game clear criteria same for all – with following the rules, interpretations and recommendations of refereeing dept.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS.

1. There must always be **TWO** (2) referees on the **ball-side**
2. Once the ball crosses the mid-court line the **LEAD** should try to stay in line with the ball.
3. Rotations can be made by the **LEAD** or the **CENTRE**, when necessary to see the play, even if the ball is **above the free throw line**.

4. The **LEAD** official should operate from a position where **the free throw lane intersects with the end-line**.
5. We are looking for **MORE movement** by the officials as the ball never stays still in one place. Move with the ball and never get caught on the wrong side of the basket.
6. Keep good **EYE CONTACT** with each other as rotations may occur suddenly.

In the pre-season tournaments so far, the changes have been put into use with good effect. Please remember that we are looking for greater movement by officials so that they always have a good position on the play.

GOOD POSITION – GOOD CALL / NO-CALL

BAD POSITION – BAD CALL / NO-CALL

Go where you need to go in order to see what you need to see.

CONTACT SITUATIONS

Call what is illegal and affects the play.

POST PLAY

Call a foul only if one of the players is dislodged or displaced. Be sure to see the **WHOLE** play and not just the **REACTION**.

NOT ALL CONTACT IS ILLEGAL

HAND CHECKING

Hands/arms are not allowed on a player **FACING** his opponent. If the use of hands/arms **IMPEDES** the progress of the opponent or **STEERS** him in another direction, call the foul.

SHOOTER'S LEGS

If a player in the act of shooting spreads his legs to make contact with the defensive opponent, call an **OFFENSIVE** foul. It is **NOT** a no-call.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOUL

Call **CONSISTENTLY** according to the **CRITERIA**, from the beginning to the end of the game. Do not permit **EXCESSIVE** contacts to go unpunished.

PICK N ROLL

Call the **ILLEGAL SCREENS** and the illegal use of hips, knees, shoulders, and buttocks. It is not always the **BIG** players who are responsible for these fouls.

OFF THE BALL

When the ball is on the strong side be aware of illegal contacts on the **WEAKSIDE**. Discourage those players trying to hold, push and impede opponents away from the ball.

TRAVEL VIOLATIONS

Focus on the **PIVOT** foot as soon as the player receives the ball and be aware when the pivot foot is moved simultaneously with the ball leaving the hand. This is not a travel. When a player moves his pivot foot and the ball is still in his hands, this is a travel violation.

PLAYER OUT OF BOUNDS

Players who seek to gain an unfair advantage by leaving the court to avoid a guarding player or as part of team tactics, shall be **warned in the first instance** that a **TECHNICAL** foul will be called on any repetition. This warning should be notified to BOTH teams.

BEHAVIOR

Try always to communicate with the coaches. There is a limit to unsportsmanlike behavior. Respond to questions with short explanations in a professional manner. **Complaints (emotional reactions) from coaches are part of the game** and they should be dealt with according to the level of behavior.

There **CANNOT** be different criteria for dealing with coaches in the same game and neither can any individual coach be given special privileges.

If there is a strong **VERBAL and/or VISUAL** protest call a technical foul, it is not always necessary to give a warning first. Use your common sense in each situation.

At the end of the game, do not leave the floor immediately unless circumstances determine otherwise. Shake hands at the end with coaches unless they start complaining.