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2007 Basketball Officials Newsletter

Rules and Situations

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TEAM CONTROL:

SITUATION: Team A has possession of the ball during crunch time at the end of the game. Both teams are in the bonus and Player A-1, makes a pass to a teammate A-2. While the ball is in the air during the pass, A-3 is called for a push on B-1 from the other team:

RULING/ADMINISTRATION: No free throws are awarded and Team B is given the ball out of bounds. Team control still exists during a pass.

TEAM CONTROL:

SITUATION: Both teams are in the bonus and Team A is in-bounding the ball on the end-line. A-1 has the ball and ready to make the inbounds pass and A-2 crashes into B-1 and is called for a foul before the ball can be in-bounded.

RULING/ADMINISTRATION: Free throws are awarded to Team B, because NO TEAM CONTROL EXISTS on throw in's.

INADVERTENT

SITUATION: Team A had the ball and was bringing it past half court, a pass was not handled cleanly and the ball started going out of bounds. A Player from Team B ran and made a great save on the ball. The Official blew a INADVERTENT whistle at a time just before the Team B player had control of the ball.

RULING/ADMINISTRATION: Since there was team control by Team A, the ball was given back to the Team A because at the time of the inadvertent whistle Team A was deemed to have control. Team A maintains Control when it is interrupted by a interrupted dribble and or pass to a teammate.. Team B was not happy for two reasons. They

were going to have a wide open lay-up, and the possession arrow was in there favor.

DOUBLE TECH FOULS DURING A DEAD BALL:

SITUATION: Player B1 is whistled for a personal foul. Immediately after calling the personal foul a double technical foul is whistled on players A1 and B1. What is the proper administration of the fouls?

Player A1 shot two shots and we gave the ball to the team entitled to the throw-in under the alternating possession procedure. No shots were awarded for the double technical.

RATIONALE: Administer the penalties in the order in which they happened. Since the double T happened after the personal foul, no team control exists during a dead ball, therefore we utilized the alternating possession procedure to resume play.

RULING/ADMINISTRATION: According the NSAA Supervisor of Officials and several other esteemed colleagues, the high school federation use of POINT OF INTERRUPTION should have been employed. The players should have been lined up for the two free throws and played the second free throw live.

FIGHT BREAKS OUT DURING A GAME:

SITUATION: A player from Team A collides with a Player from Team B. Player A turns and takes a punch at Player B. They both engage in pushing, and end up on the floor with Player B, maintaining a headlock on Player A, until the officials are able to get them a part.

RULING/ADMINISTRATION: Both Player A and B are ejected from the game and given a Technical foul for fighting. No free throws are awarded.. At the time of the fight the ball had just gone out of bounds and possession did not exist for either team. The ball was put in at ½ court using the possession arrow. Both players must sit out one game, and an ejection report must be submitted through the NSAA website.

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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM METRO COACHES

Situation 1: Team A has the ball out of bounds and is called for pushing off to get open. Does Team B shoot free throws if the bonus is in effect or is Team A in possession of the ball?

Officials Response: Team B, would shoot Free Throws because there is no team control on a throw in, so the foul results in a shooting situation. However in college it is different. Team control exist's when you give the team the ball on a throw in.

Situation 2: Team A has the ball out of bounds and Team B is called for a foul before or simultaneous to the ball being thrown inbounds. Is this an intentional foul if the ball has not been in bounded?

Officials Response: It depends on the intent of the foul, and the way he/she fouled . If both hands were used, it would be the officials judgment as to an intentional or not. That is a gray area, because there are times when everyone in the arena knows a player may be committing an intentional foul, to put the opposing team on the line, late in game, but if he/she fouls properly and goes for the ball, in most cases it would be a bonus situation.

Situation 3: Team A has the ball in the frontcourt. On a crosscourt pass Team B deflects the ball and then it is deflected again by Team A before going backcourt. If Team A is the first to recover the ball is this over and back?

Officials Response: Team A is in control until Team B has maintained team control. By rule that would be over and back, although most times it is not called. It's a rule that needs to be changed, so that there can only be one interpretation. Review Team Control situations in the rule book. It's something officials go over in every Pre-Game.

Three Man Mechanics question ?

What is the correct positioning of the lead official in a transition situation. There have been numerous

situations of the lead official running into, or being run into, by a player who is attempting to get out wide in transition and lead the fast break.....or once receiving the ball and attempting a layup the lead official attempts to make a call on the play from behind the player shooting the layup. I guess my question is where should the lead official be positioned?

Officials Response: Just like in Two Man, an official can get beat as the lead, especially with a steal, or quick transaction.. The lead should try to get as wide as possible down the floor to avoid running into the players. Once beat most good officials will then try to get the best angle which sometimes means lagging behind a bit to get the best angle at the play going to the hole.

COACHES COMMENTS:

- ◆ “An extra pair of eye’s just allows another guy to get the call wrong”
- ◆ “I want to apologize to one of the officials for screaming at him about getting the call wrong. I found out later that night he was right”
- ◆ “I wish that officials would use better judgment when calling fouls off ball that do not have any effect on the game, or when no advantage or disadvantage is involved”
- ◆ “ I appreciate the officials listening to us, and being approachable”
- ◆ “ I think the three man crews have made it a better game”

COMMENTS HEARD FROM COACHES DURING THE GAME:

- ◆ **FINALLY:** In response to his team having a call made in there favor. The team fouls were 3-3 at the time.
- ◆ “He’s riding him up and down the floor. This isn’t a Rodeo. “
- ◆ “ We really do work on free throws in practice..... I mean it ” The team had just missed six in row.

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