

The OHSAA Rebounder's Report

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We're into the thick of the season and while many are fighting for position in league races, others are trying to keep the wheels on. It is never an easy job. Watching many games over the 'break' highlighted the number of great coaches there are in the state that work hard every day and night and often simply Do not have the talent to fight for those league titles. Keep up the great work. It is a long season and Though many don't often hear it....thanks for what you do as coaches.

Valuable Coach Education

We have all read them...the accounts of a few collegiate coaches behaviors off the court or field. It uses a broad brush to paint the coaching profession at times. Sometimes, the last thing coaches want to hear about is more education, however, the NFHS has taken the lead to address issues and provide valuable educational resources. The NFHS is in development of an online course entitled "Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment" due to be launched in late spring. It will present content dealing with a wide range of issues including inappropriate relationships, abusive behavior, hazing, bullying, sexual harassment and use of electronic media within each of these areas. The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) along with the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee have provided the content for this course. The hope is for the NFHS to receive enough grant money to cover production costs and offer this as a resource to schools and coaching staffs at no cost.

The "Little Things"

Every coach has enough on his/her plate right now but as practices shorten and more and more 'back to back' games occur, a few things to remind everyone in the team meetings:

Non-Interscholastic Play

Some players aren't playing as much as they think they should. They'll be tempted to play in that CYO game or "Y" game. Caution them. They can't without losing eligibility. It hurts the team if they do and then get in one the school games. Just caution them.

Non-School Instruction

Coaches don't get enough credit. Though there ARE good ones..all so often someone thinks they can get *better* instruction elsewhere. Players ARE permitted to get this instruction as long as YOU (or the school) authorize it. You have every right to create policies NOT permitting it as well.

Jerry Snodgrass
Assistant Commissioner

What Happens When a Player Plays in Too Many Quarters per Day?

It doesn't happen often...but playing in the 6th quarter for a day results in the player being immediately removed (not ejected), all quarters counting toward the 90 permitted on the season, AND a Technical Foul being assessed. The "T" is one of the only 'administrative technical fouls' administered and is NOT an Indirect assessed to the coach. Many coaches believe there is no check and therefore no reason to keep track of player quarters. However, as most coaches know, it is generally the disgruntled parent that turns in someone on their own school's team. When it is investigated, the quarters had to be recorded in a scorebook. Simply put...keep track. When a player exceeds the 90 quarter limitation on the year, he/she becomes an *Ineligible player*.

Consider the Music

This happens ALL too often....A player brings a music CD to you or the Athletic Director asking it to be played during warm-up. The pep band isn't there and of course this will 'help' the warm-up. Harmless? I don't need to tell you that so many lyrics of songs have words that have hidden meanings, or references to things we would not THINK of listening too. Not only is it inappropriate, it is often extremely offensive. Even the loudness of the music is so often offensive. You may not think you 'need' the fans at the game that might be offended by it...but they are all part of what makes basketball so great in Ohio. Just say No! Why go there and risk it. Do your part and you might want to remind your lower level coaches of this as well.

National Anthem Singers; looking for a few good.....

I won't be able to accommodate all of them but if you heard the best National Anthem singer ever...send their name my way (jsnodgrass@ohsaa.org). I have incorporated some of Ohio's finest at the state tournament each year. We are looking for the 'traditional version' of a performance.



Spacing Around the Court

Many new gyms have been built with more of an 'arena' style seating, providing room for players to sit in chairs off the court instead of the hard bleacher serving as the bench. Earlier in the year, I mentioned an emphasis about 'keeping the floor clear'. Though this initially was intended to refer to cheerleaders on the court during warm-up time, this should emphasis should also extend to all individuals and keeping the court free with ample space.

Consider this: Many schools have placed chairs on the sidelines for teams to be seated and there is not enough room--space for spectators to walk in front of the first row of bleachers and behind the chairs so the chairs end up being placed nearly ON the out of bounds line. It creates a situation of "Accidents Waiting To Happen".

Check out NFHS Rule 1-2-1 in the Rule book.

Fall Coach Ejections

Football	Volleyball	Girls Soccer	Boys Soccer
11	0	3	8

Fall Player Ejections

Football	Volleyball	Girls Soccer	Boys Soccer
239	0	41	203