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TO: NCAA Division I Conference Commissioners.

FROM: Greg Shaheen
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SUBJECT: NCAA Men's Basketball Officiating Points of Emphasis.

As we have long discussed, quality and continuity of officiating throughout the country is a continuing priority of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee. This season, the committee respectfully requests that you join it in emphasizing to all officiating coordinators the importance of consistency of mechanics and execution of the points of emphasis toward this goal and to reaffirm the authority of the national coordinator of officials, Hank Nichols. The 2006-07 NCAA men's basketball points of emphasis are attached for your reference.

As stated in the 2007 NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules and Interpretations:

“While [the points of emphasis] may not represent any rules changes, their importance must not be overlooked. In some cases, the points of emphasis are more important than some of the rules changes. When a topic is included in the points of emphasis, there has been evidence during the previous year(s) that there has been inconsistency in administering these areas.”

The committee continues to heighten its review of performance during selection of officials for this season's championship. The committee feels these steps are essential to strengthen the current state of the game.

If you have any questions, please contact me. As part of its planning this season and consistent with its ongoing discussion, the men's basketball committee appreciates your assistance in this regard.

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cc: Mr. Ed Bilik
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