

MANUAL CHANGES 2008-09

Section 1 – Mechanics Changes

Block/Charge Rulings (Calls). The Lead has primary responsibility for making block/charge rulings (calls) on drives to the basket on fouls inside the lane area. In the case of ‘double whistles’ the outside official may take the ruling (call) due to the fact of having the ‘best look’.

Drives to the Basket. When a player drives to the basket and past the area of dual responsibility, the Lead now has primary coverage for this play. The Trail and Center now have secondary responsibility for this play. EXCEPTION: Travel violations

Section 2 – Mechanics Points of Emphasis

2.1 Bench Decorum. Officials must enforce the coaching box and bench-area restrictions rules while the game is in progress. Any coach or bench personnel who violate these rules must be penalized with a technical foul.

2.2 Coach Behavior. Unsporting behavior by the head coach and any bench personnel cannot be tolerated. When such behavior occurs, a technical foul must be assessed by the game officials.

2.3 Body Bumping/Defensive Hedging. Players must be penalized for illegal body bumping and hedging. This action usually occurs on the dribbler and on players moving without the ball. Freedom of movement must take precedence.

2.4 Calling Plays. All officials have the responsibility for calling violations and fouls in their primary. It is absolutely necessary that officials move to get the best possible angle, the correct position and the proper depth on or off the court to make the call.

2.5 Signals. It is the responsibility of every official to use the standard signals which are in the manual.

2.6 Official's Jurisdiction. The officials' jurisdiction begins 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. It is mandatory that at least one (1) official is on the court during the duration of this 30 minute warm-up period.

2.7 Double Whistles. When ‘double whistles’ are sounded in the dual coverage area, yield to the official in which the play is advancing. NOTE: Do not give a preliminary signal.

Section 17 – Administration of Free Throws; Article 1.E. T: All free throws: Take normal position at the 28-foot line for all free throws. If there are opposing players in the backcourt, keep them under observation while assisting with free throw administration. Note: When conditions warrant, adjust to backcourt.

Section 26 – End of Second Half. R checks with the official scorer. When the three officials leave the playing court at the end of the game, the officials' jurisdiction ends and the final score is approved.