



# AOS News

News and Happenings of Athletic Officials Service

## Newsletter Contents

- NFHS Basketball Rules Changes ..... 2
- Important Basketball Dates ..... 2
- Basketball Meeting Schedule ..... 3
- Comments on Basketball Rule Changes ..... 3
- IACO Basketball Clinic..... 4
- IHSA Basketball Officials Uniforms..... 5



AOS Member Matt Mann referees Fremd vs. Bartlett Last Season.

## Athletic Officials Service (AOS)

The primary purpose of the Athletic Officials Service (AOS) is to assist all members to become better officials. Thus, a fundamental goal is to effect uniformity in the administration of our duties.

To this end, the AOS promotes efficient and standard officiating techniques in both football and basketball. This is accomplished by full membership involvement with In-depth study of the rules; physical conditioning programs; conducting instructional meetings each season in each sport; attending IHSA interpretation meetings and special clinics; fostering close cooperation among coaches, officials, and school administrators and supporting the Inter-Athletic Council Of Officials (IACO).

We are an officials' service organization and are dedicated to serve you and the youth of our communities. We cordially invite you and your fellow officials, school and community administrators, and coaches to attend any of our meetings or clinics.



## The 2018-19 Season Transitions from Football to Basketball

While we are only half way through the Football regular season, it is now time to start getting ready for Basketball. We will make the official transition from Football to Basketball on Monday, September 24th when we conduct our annual "bridge" meeting. This is an opportunity for all Football and Basketball members to meet together.

We will once again hold our meetings at Hoffman Estates High School. But, there is a change in the meeting space. Our meetings are now held in the faculty cafeteria,

which is located behind the student cafeteria. Use the main school entrance. Then go through the doors just before the mailboxes (usually we use the doors past the mailboxes), go down the stairs and turn right, when you get to the end turn right. There are doors just ahead, go past them and turn left, walk through the student cafeteria and into the faculty cafeteria.

The Bridge Meeting will begin at 7:00pm and will feature guest speaker Tremayne Worsham, Mental Health Counselor at North Shore

Continued on Page 2



## NFHS Announces Basketball Rules Changes for 2018-19

1-12-1c: It shall have a deeply-pebbled, granulated surface, with horizontally shaped panels bonded tightly to the rubber carcass.

Rationale: The additional words give manufacturers a better sense of what a deeply-pebbled cover should look like.

9-9-1: A player shall not be the first to touch the ball after it has been in team control in the frontcourt, if he/she or a teammate last touched or was touched by the ball in the frontcourt before it went to the backcourt. EXCEPTION: Any player located in the backcourt may recover a ball deflected from the frontcourt by the defense.

Rationale: To ensure that a team is not unfairly disadvantaged on a deflected pass.

## AOS Season Kick-Off

Continued from Page 1

University Health System, who will speak about Incident Management. Worsham did a similar presentation for the Schaumburg Athletic Association recently and was very well received.

We will also send off the Football members with our final video review of the season.

WE "BRIDGE" FROM FOOTBALL TO BASKETBALL ON SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>. ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED!

## Important Basketball Dates from the IHSA

- The Part 1 exam & rules video will be available on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. They are both open until November 27, 2018.
- If you are interested in being promoted to Recognized or Certified for a Winter Sport, you must apply for promotion by November 16, 2018.
- The Part 2 exam for promotion will be available November 20-27, 2018.
- State series availability must be updated by December 7, 2018.



AOS Board Member Paul Black is ready at the Umpire position in as Wheaton North battles Meta Valley.

# Basketball Meeting Topics and Format Set

We are gearing up for the 2018-19 Basketball season. Basketball VP Josh Schroeder has announced the full schedule of topics and meeting format. Here are the dates, topics and presenters:

## Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Tremayne Worsham - Incident Management

## Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Vito Spadavecchio - 3 Seconds & 5 Seconds (Closely Guarded)

Tom Glaser - Backcourt & 10 Seconds

## Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Tom McGowan - Player Control & Team Control

Frank Cataudella - Basket Interference & Goaltending

## Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Bill Orris - Holding

Dennis Marach - Technical Foul

## Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Scott Albrecht - Traveling

Bill Brennan - Pushing

## Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Joe Spagnola - NFHS Basketball Rule 9 - Violations & Penalties

## Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

IHSA Part I Test Review

Rule Changes / Points of Emphasis

Joshua Schroeder - Off Ball Officiating / Video Review

The meetings begin at 7:00pm and will use the following format:

7:00 - Case Play Discussion

7:10 - Presenter #1

7:25 - 2 Person to 3 Person Transition Led by Ron Kaye & Ken Pink

7:35 - Presenter #2

7:50 - Video Clip Review

The meetings will be held at Hoffman Estates High School in the Faculty Dining Room.

Check the AOS Website for a calendar listing of all meetings and events.  
[www.aosweb.org](http://www.aosweb.org)

# Exception to Backcourt Violation Approved in High School Basketball Rules

By NFHS

An exception to the backcourt violation and a clarification regarding specifications of the ball comprise the changes approved for the 2018-19 high school basketball season.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee recommended the changes at its April 9-11 meeting in Indianapolis, and all changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 9-9-1 states that "a player shall not be the first to touch the ball after it has been in team control in the frontcourt, if he/she or a teammate last touched or was touched by the ball in the frontcourt before it went to the backcourt."

An exception was approved to note that any player who was located in the backcourt may recover a ball that is deflected from the frontcourt by the defense.

Theresa Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials, said the committee approved the exception to ensure that a team is not unfairly disadvantaged on a deflected pass.

The other change approved by the Basketball Rules Committee involved more clearly defining the cover of the ball in Rule 1-12-1c, which now states that the ball "shall have a deeply-pebbled granulated surface . . ."



Wynns said the term "granulated surface" should provide manufacturers a better idea of what a deeply-pebbled cover should look like.

In addition to the two rules changes approved by the committee, several points of emphasis were identified for the coming season, including concussion recognition, proper procedures for blood issues and coaches monitoring injury and research trends.

"The committee wanted to stress continued education

Continued on Page 4

## NFS Basketball Rules Changes Continued

Continued from Page 3

in recognizing signs and symptoms of concussions for coaches, athletes, parents and officials,” Wynns said. “In addition, concern of overuse injuries due to sport specialization should be monitored, and recognition of blood on players and uniforms and the proper procedure for removal of blood and return to play are other areas for education.”

Wynns noted that coaches have primary responsibility for making sure players are wearing legal uniforms and are legally equipped. She said emphasis will be given to rule enforcement in the areas of traveling, legal guarding position and establishing possession during loose-ball situations. Lastly, the committee believes official professionalism and use of proper terminology should be emphasized.

“Overall, the committee believes the rules of the sport are in great shape. These changes provide more clarification in areas where there has been inconsistency

in interpretation and will help manufacturers in producing basketballs that meet NFHS specifications,” said Francine Martin, NFHS Basketball Rules Committee chair and assistant executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. “The committee evaluated input from the NFHS basketball rules questionnaire, which is available for all coaches and officials to complete and provide input for future rules changes during the meeting. The points of emphasis are geared toward sports medicine issues and consistent interpretation of playing rules.”

A complete listing of all rules changes is available on the NFHS website at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). Click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the home page and select “Basketball.”

Basketball ranks third in popularity for both boys and girls with 550,305 male participants and 430,368 female participants, according to the 2017-18 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey.



AOS Member Ken Pink keeping his pre-game speech light and happy before Carmel Catholic takes on Marian Central last season!

## IACO Basketball Clinic Set for November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Inter-Athletic Council of Officials (IACO), will be hosting their annual basketball clinic at Wheaton North High School, which is located at 701 W Thomas Rd, Wheaton, IL 60187. Doors will open at 7:00 AM and the clinic starts at 8:30 AM and is expected to end at 12:30 pm. Vendors will be available until 1:30 pm. Pre-registration online is \$25 or \$30 at the door.

Attending the IACO Basketball Clinic should be a high priority for all Chicagoland IHSA basketball officials. Most of the instructors are IHSA Certified Clinicians or officials who have worked the IHSA State Finals. The IHSA has implemented some mechanics changes that will be presented at the clinic. All current rule and mechanic changes will be covered throughout the day.

The clinic will run on a 3 track system which is actually three clinics in one. Track 1 for new officials, Track 2 for 2-person mechanics, and Track 3 for 3-person mechanics. You can switch tracks throughout the day.

The clinic will begin with Opening Remarks in the Cafeteria at 8:30 AM followed by a 65-minute presentation by IACO Clinic Chairman and IHSA Basketball Rules Interpreter Fred Allman. Fred will go through the rule changes, editorial changes and clarifications, points of emphasis and other information from the IHSA. There may also be some time for questions.

*(Fred's presentation WILL NOT satisfy the Rules Meeting requirement. YOU MUST VIEW THE ONLINE RULES MEETING TO RECEIVE CREDIT.)*

# IHSA Basketball Officials Uniform Requirements

From the IHSA Officials Manual

Appearance should be of prime importance to any official. There is no substitute for being neat and clean, on and off the court. In certain sports, officials may dress at the contest site. When off the court, officials should not wear uniforms. Officials should be neatly dressed. A professionally attired official will receive respect on and off the court. Uniforms prescribed in the rules publication in each sport shall be worn by IHSA officials.

## Patches

The IHSA only supplies first time officials with one shoulder emblem/patch. This item is a mandatory part of an official's uniform and must be worn by all officials.

Our licensed vendors will embroider, upon request, the IHSA Officials logo to the uniform. (See list of vendors on our website: [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)) Officials may request additional patches in writing from the IHSA Office. Patches cost \$1.00 each. Please specify the official's name, address, and ID #, as well as the quantity desired. When a request containing the proper information and payment is received, the requested patches will be mailed. State Final officials may request additional state final patches at a cost of \$2 per patch.

1. The IHSA requires that all officials wear the IHSA Member Official patch.
  - a. The IHSA Member Official patch should be worn on the left sleeve approximately 2 to 3 inches below the shoulder line.
  - b. Patches on coats should be worn just below the shoulder line of the coat sleeve.
  - c. Patches worn on a baseball or softball cap should be properly centered in the front of the cap above the bill.
  - d. State Final Official Patches will be worn 1/2" below the IHSA Member Official patch.
  - e. The flag (2" x 3") may be worn on the right sleeve

approximately 2" below the shoulder line. The stars should point forward on the right sleeve. (This is not mandatory.)

f. The IHSA logo on the left front chest is optional. Licensed vendors can provide the state final embroidery for those officials earning that recognition.

g. U. S. Military Veterans Patch. IHSA Licensed officials have the opportunity to send in a copy of their DD214 form to the IHSA in order to receive a complimentary U. S. Veterans patch. The patch will be worn on the right arm sleeve by officials, just below the area designated for the display of the United States flag.

## Basketball (Girls & Boys)

1. Standard black and white vertically striped knit shirt with short sleeves. Byron collared or V-neck shirts are recommended (no turtle necks);
2. Black trousers (no flares);
3. Entirely black shoes with black shoelaces, all black socks;
4. Belt-should be entirely black;
5. Jackets-should be entirely black;
6. Whistle should have a neck cord and should be such that it may be heard. A second whistle should be carried for emergency.
7. Required IHSA patches must be properly worn.
8. Basketball officials should not wear watches or jewelry.



EVERY MEMBER OF THE OFFICIATING PROFESSION CARRIES A RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT IN A MANNER BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL PERSON. THE CONDUCT OF ANY OFFICIAL INFLUENCES THE ATTITUDE OF THE PUBLIC TOWARD THE PROFESSION IN GENERAL AS WELL AS TOWARD THE OFFICIAL IN PARTICULAR.

