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Postseason Expectations

Because of the shortened season, we are already gearing up for postseason basketball. This year will be different in a number of ways...some COVID-related and others that were already in progress before the virus hit us last year.

One change that is strictly a result of COVID-19 is the *optional* no-touch ball-handling mechanics. As some of you that officiate football may recall, a similar optional mechanic was permitted in that season as well. Ultimately, because of the success of that mechanic, it was mandated during the football postseason. In fact, no-touch ball-handling mechanics in football may become a standard mechanic for MHSAA football officials in the future on a permanent basis.

However, because of the significant differences with how the games are played, we are taking a different route with basketball. While the no-touch ball-handling mechanics will remain optional for the remainder of the **regular season**, the MHSAA will expect that traditional ball-handling mechanics and procedures will be used during the **postseason**. Of course, as permitted in the [Officials Consideration Basketball document](#), officials may use gloves if they are especially concerned about touching the ball, and this will not affect their eligibility to officiate postseason contests.

Rules Meeting Requirements

As the vast majority of you are already aware, the completion of a Basketball Rules Meeting by the deadline is a minimum requirement for postseason assignment consideration. This will remain that case moving forward, but this is a reminder of a new Rules Meeting requirement beginning for the 2021-22 season in all sports.

Starting next year, all officials will be required to complete the Rules Meeting in that sport before being permitted to officiate at the high school level. Similar to **Working Unregistered**, officiating a high school contest before completing the mandated Rules Meeting will result in a penalty of **Working Improperly** and will subject the official to suspension of his/her registration until a penalty fee of \$25 is paid. Be sure to avoid these issues and complete your Rules Meeting when it becomes available before the start of the season.

RefQuest+

A reminder that the MHSAA is providing RefQuest+ accounts to all MHSAA Registered Basketball officials for the 2020-21 season. We will continue to provide you with plays, instructional videos and other interesting scenarios throughout the season. Your participation is critical in determining whether we find the resource "valuable" and budget to include it for future years.

If you have an interesting play that you would like to see included, please send that to brent@mhsaa.com. You can also send me clips specific to your crew and game and I can communicate with just the officials involved. Please continue to answer the It's Your Call segments and provide feedback on the usefulness of this platform.

Mask Enforcement

We continue to receive emails, phone calls and pictures of instances where officials are 1) not enforcing the mask mandate as is required by MDHHS orders and MHSAA policies and 2) not complying with the mask mandate themselves. Remember that you should be using these steps in enforcement: Remind, Warn and Remove. **Continued on next page in OVERTIME.**

Rules Review:

Team A is making a throw-in at the division line following free throws from a technical foul against Team B. The throw-in pass is deflected by B1 and goes directly through Team A's basket.

Ruling:

The goal scores two points for Team A. It does not matter that this was not actually a try or tap for a field goal by Team A.

Continued from Mask Enforcement — If you need to lower your own mask for a breather during a timeout (at your position away from others), that is permitted; however, please keep it attached to your face so that it can be moved back up quickly as soon as the first horn sounds.

Assigner and Association Recommendations

Below is a list of MHSAA Registered Assigners and MHSAA Local Approved Associations that provided postseason recommendations as requested by the MHSAA. All associations sponsoring basketball are permitted to submit up to 100 recommendations in rank order for postseason consideration. We recommend that they include the membership’s input in this task. All primary basketball assigners are also asked to submit up to 100 recommendations (from only the officials they assigned that season) in rank order. Sub-assigner’s recommendations are not officially tallied, though we do receive them. Part of the selection process beyond District assignments is directly related to the recommendations an official receives. **NOTE: Officials will not have access to whether they were included in a recommendation list or what position they were recommended—only that recommendations were provided by a particular assigner or association.**

Registered Assigners

Boys Basketball

Art Kurtze
 Barb Beckett
 Bill Gomoluch
 Bob Allen
 Bob Czech
 Brad Brunet
 Bruce Moss
 Bryon Taylor
 Chuck Sprang
 Conroy Zuiderveen
 Dave Buck
 Don Blue
 Eric Frohriep
 Gary Wagenschutz
 Jeff Kosal
 Joe Malec
 Joe McCormick
 Ken Diamond
 Michael Myers
 Mike Knabusch
 Pat McKenna
 Penny McDonald
 Rob King
 Scott Helmka

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 Bob Allen
 Brad Brunet
 Bruce Moss
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 Pat McKenna
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Local Approved

Associations

Boys Basketball

All-Star Officials Assn.
 Cadillac Area Officials Assn.
 Capital Area Officials Assn.
 Curtis Hawkins Officials Assn.
 Fruitbelt Officials Assn.
 Heart of Michigan Officials
 Huron Valley Officials Assn.
 Jackson Area Officials Assn.
 Kalamazoo Officials Assn.
 Northern Sports Officials Assn.
 South Central Officials Assn.
 Southeastern MI Officials Assn.
 Southwest MI Officials Assn.
 Tri-City Area Officials Assn.
 Thumb Officials Assn.
 Top O’ Michigan Officials Assn.
 United Federation of Officials
 West Michigan Officials Assn.

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