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### Postseason Assignments

MHSAA Basketball postseason assignments will be released over the coming week. Girls District assignments will be published Monday (3/8), followed by Boys Districts (3/9), Girls and Boys Regionals by Friday (3/12) and Quarterfinals through Finals by March 19. Please accept or decline assignments as quickly as possible so that adjustments can be made in a timely manner. If declining an assignment in Arbiter, please indicate the reason for the declination so that we know how to proceed with your availability and any additional tournament assignments you may be scheduled for. Please also know that because many more Districts than normal are using a non-traditional format (played at separate sites), all District assignments have yet to be released.

### NEW District Assignment Process

The MHSAA piloted a new process for the assigning of Districts this year. Instead of all assignment being made out of the MHSAA office, District host ADs from Zones 1, 2 and 4-7 - many in consultation with their local assigners - participated in an Officials Draft, where selections of crews were made by schools round-by-round. The goal was to gain access to local input and knowledge of the skills, abilities and availabilities of officials within each zone.

Speaking of availability, your availability is primarily determined by the schedule you submit and the dates available you select through the MHSAA website (**NOT** in Arbiter), and so some officials' lack of assignments may have been due to these requirements not being completed.

We will evaluate the new process after the end of the postseason and receive feedback from schools as to its efficiency and effectiveness. If determined successful, this may be extended to additional zones, sports and levels of the tournament in the future.

### 3-Person Crew Rotations

The best officials have the instinct to understand the best position on the floor to officiate a play and transitioning when necessary to get to that position. Part of this in a 3-Person crew is the Lead recognizing when to rotate to avoid guessing on matchups on the opposite side of the key from his/her position.

While there are no hard and fast rules as to when to rotate, there are a number of circumstances where a rotation will likely ensure that the play is being officiated thoroughly. Some include:

- A competitive matchup on the opposite low block with the ball on that side of the floor.
- The ball and a majority of players on the Center's side of the court.
- A cross screen to free up an offensive player on the opposite lane line.
- A half court trap on the Center's side, which forces him/her to move toward the division line.

Lead officials should be looking for developing opportunities to move across the lane and moving into a close down position once the ball and post players are opposite of the official, being ready to rotate if the ball gets inside the free throw line extended. The Lead should remember to continue officiating his/her primary while moving along the baseline. The other officials should be looking to not only the Lead's position to determine whether the rotation is complete; but most importantly, whether he/she turns his/her body to cover the new primary. Until then, the Lead may back out of the rotation. Some instances where this might likely occur are:

- An imminent try.
- A drive to the basket.
- A cross-court pass to a teammate.

### **Rules Review:**

After establishing legal guarding position and while moving backwards, B1 is contacted in the torso by A1.

### **Ruling:**

This is a player control foul on A1. There is no requirement for B1 to hold his/her position. B1 has met the criteria for both establishing and maintaining legal guarding position.