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A message from State Interpreter Charley Harbach:

Each Connecticut Board Rules Interpreter has been charged with delivering IAABO's message of **"One Rule, One Interpretation, One Set of Approved Mechanics"**. With that in mind, all officials are obligated to enforce the rules as written, points of emphasis, and good sportsmanship throughout every contest.

Game Situations

Play #1: B1 Fouls A1 while A1 is in the act of shooting. A1 makes both free throws. The scorer sounds the horn to notify the officials that B1's foul was his 5th Foul. The official assesses B1 a Technical Foul for participating as a Disqualified Player. Is the official correct?

Ruling: No, the official is incorrect. The player is deemed disqualified when the coach is notified by an official of the disqualification. NFHS 4-14-2; IAABO Manual 18:2:J & K

Play #2: B4 fouls A2 while A2 is in the act of shooting. A2 is assessed a technical foul for swearing at B4 after the Foul was called. The official allows A2 to attempt his free throws. After making the 2nd free throw, the official notifies the coach of Team A that A2 must "Sit a Tick" as a result of the Technical Foul. Is the official correct?

Ruling: No, the official is incorrect. The coach of Team A must replace A2 with a substitute who will shoot the free throws. Connecticut Adopted "Sit a Tick" Policy in line with NFHS Rule 3-3-4; IAABO Manual 16:8:A

Play #3: Jumper A1 taps the ball followed by a touch by Jumper B1 and then another touch by Jumper B1 before the ball hits the floor. After the ball hits the floor, B1 picks up the ball and dribbles in for a layup.

Ruling: This is a legal play. NFHS Rule 6-3-7 & 6-3-8; IAABO Manual 7:1:C, 7:4:G

Play #4: Team A scores and sets up a press immediately after the score. Team B inbounds the ball and as they advance the ball towards the frontcourt, Team A bats the ball out of bounds and the shot clock reads 25. Is this a 10-second backcourt violation?

Ruling: This is a 10-second backcourt violation. NFHS Rule 9-8; IAABO Manual 15:9:A-C

Play #5: Team A is hosting team B. Team A is having a ceremony for a coach who recently passed away. Team A the home team is wearing their road red uniforms. The B is wearing their road blue uniforms. There has been no communication with the CIAC nor the opposing team by the home team AD. The officials inform Team A that wearing their road red uniforms for a home game is illegal. Team A coach states that the kids are responsible for their uniforms so therefore the home white uniforms are not accessible. The visiting team agrees to play the game as the colors are clearly different.

Ruling: Can the game be played? YES What is the Penalty? Penalize if or when a team member becomes a player. One direct technical foul is charged to the head coach, regardless of the number of infractions. The head coach loses the coaching box privilege. The offended team is awarded two free throws plus the ball for a designated spot throw in at the division line opposite the scorer's table. NFHS 3-4-1c, 10-6-4, 10-6-4 Penalty; IAABO Manual 2:1A, 2:1A Penalty

Play #6: A1 takes off from inbounds, jumps over the end line (still in the air), catches an errant pass and throws it back inbounds to teammate A2 in Team A's frontcourt. A1 lands out of bounds and runs back onto the court and catches the first pass from A2.

Ruling: This is a legal play. NFHS 4-35-1A, 7-1-1, 7-1-2, 9-3. IAABO Manual 15:8 Play 15-36

Play #7: A1 takes a shot attempt, the ball is in the air, the shot clock horn goes off, the shot gets lodged between the rim and backboard. The A/P arrow favors team A.

Ruling: Since the ball hit the rim, the shot clock is reset to 35. The ball is given to Team A on the endline at the nearest new throw-in spot 3 feet outside the lane line. NFHS 6-4-4d; IAABO Manual 8:2:D, 20:5:E

Shot Clock Protocol

Under no circumstances should a varsity game be played without a shot clock.

It is the responsibility of the home school to ensure the shot clock equipment is staffed and the equipment is operational with a backup device on hand.

No visiting head coach or the game officials should ever agree to play a game without the 35 second shot clock.

This should be treated like any situation where the court is unplayable and the game is postponed.

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