

Interpreters' Conference Call

A conference call involving more than 40 IAABO Interpreters was held on Sunday, January 23. A lengthy discussion focusing on a variety of topics was conducted by Coordinator of Interpreters, Peter Webb. Each interpreter was invited to participate and address rules, mechanics, and play situations. It is expected that Interpreters will have additional material to provide to members on a local level. After sharing views and perspectives a second conference call will be held at the end of February.

Topics of discussion included the following:

- Who meets during pregame at center circle? It differs from state to state. Some states require the Head Coach and Captains, while others require only the Captain meet with officials.
- If the timer failed to start and stop clock with .6 seconds remaining in game what should be the process. Timer than clicked clock on and off in presence of coaches to indicate amount of that should have run off original clock.
- If fans are being difficult and unruly, what recourse do officials have? Locate site management before game to ensure communication if an incident were to occur.
- Discussion on rule 10 technical fouls for unsporting acts. Examples include a 3-point shooter falling to floor and simulating that a foul occurred or when the defender feigns contact, giving the appearance that a player control foul occurred.

- Veteran high school officials are using “television” mechanics and unofficial verbiage; i.e., “on the floor,” the collegiate not closely guarded signal, etc. These actions are to the detriment of the less experienced high school official. Training of young officials made more difficult because young officials impressed with what the veterans do and say.

- What action should officials take if opponent enters into huddle of free throw shooting team.
- Officials should not wear jewelry.
- Zero tolerance for any assistant coach. Only the head coach is permitted to stand
- In pursuit of more meaningful dialogue with the head coach, officials should answer questions but not comments made by the head coach.
- Should the act of one team running around court during the pregame be considered an act of intimidation.
- It is a coaching box, and not a coach’s box
- Must be more movement along endline by the lead official.
- Cannot call a contact technical foul when the ball is live.
- Officials are permitting players to sit down during 30-second timeouts.
- Timeout positions are inconsistent.
- IAABO Manual was discussed. Favorable comments.