

IAABO Manual Message

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IAABO, through our office, has a great deal to offer Interpreter's in their effort to enhance instruction for prospective officials classes, for conducting professional improvement clinics, and in leading review sessions for veteran officials. If you do not take advantage of these aids, it is a disservice to your membership.

In addition, this is the time of year we should be reminding our officials of the need to be physically fit not only in preparation for the rapidly approaching season, but also for the benefit of promoting and maintaining their own health.

By this time, I am quite certain each of you is aware of the new initiative taken by IAABO to publish its own original manual. A manual created by this coordinator and the IAABO Executive Director. That is correct, a treatise produced "for officials by officials" that is sensitive to the needs and wishes of our large basketball officiating community. After considerable thought and contemplation, the creators have taken into consideration not only the recommendations of rules interpreters and trainers, but also suggestions from numerous officials as well. Yes, someone is listening to what officials have to say!

Below, please find a listing of mechanics procedures and interpretations that differ from those suggested in the manual of the National Federation. When inquiries from local boards are forwarded to the IAABO office in Germantown, Maryland asking which mechanic to employ if there is conflict between the advised NF mechanics and those accepted by IAABO the answer is clear. If your state, municipality, or league insists on following the NF manual, by all means follow it. Through the years, however, the NF manual has served as a guide, but there is no precedent that points to the NF manual as an absolute or "official" mechanics text.

Mechanics Differences

Page 5. The boxing in mechanic may be visual at times and not a "physical boxing" in when coverage demands it.



Page 20(d). The Trail official's responsibility includes the farther sideline above the free throw line extended for out of bounds violations. Circumstances may dictate the Lead Official to administer throw-ins about the free line extended. This procedure coincides with the Trail's Primary Coverage Area (PCA).

Page 29. Details coverage positions between quarters.

Page 31. Details injury position coverage.

Page 40, G3(a). Lead Official's frontcourt endline throw-in option (see diagram pg. 45).

Page 40, G4(c). Trail Official may provide ballside coverage during a throw-in (see glossary on "Boxing In")

Page 40, G5(a)2. The Lead Official's side line responsibility ends at the free throw line extended. This coincides with the Lead Official's Primary Coverage Area (PCA).

Page 40, G5(b)3. The Trail Official sideline responsibility includes the farther sideline above the free throw line extended. This coincides with the Trail Official's PCA. (see page 47, diagram)

Page 52, C7. Officials shall confer after reporting of flagrant, intentional, simultaneous, technical, double or false double fouls to confirm the procedure. (see page 56, 4(h))

Page 57, 6(i). The Trail Official shall close down on a final free throw when the ball reaches the basket area.

Page 59, Q. 30-Second Timeout position (see page 61, diagram)

Page 60, R 60-Second Timeout position (see page 62, diagram)

Page 60, S. Tableside Timeout positions (see page 63, diagram)