

Good morning! Hope you had a great game last night and are ready for the next to last Friday of the regular season.....some districts it is the LAST Friday.....where did this season go?

Today's tip is a little on the lighter side.....this was emailed to me yesterday....I was told it has been shared on Facebook, so some of you may have seen it.....at any rate, enjoy it and do not take it TOO seriously!

****Let's be honest...some players are just little shits. They know it. Their teammates know it. We know it. Their coaches know it. The other team certainly knows it. Mom and Dad...not so much.**

****"What game are you watching?" This one on the court. We're not fans, parents, classmates or relatives. We don't care who wins...only that the rules are upheld. Yes...we miss some stuff.**

****The average official runs 2-2.5 miles every game. Figure that most officials work two games a night and you've got middle-aged men, wearing dress slacks, running with whistles in their mouths trying to see what's going on in a pack of ten teenaged players who are trying to figure out why everyone's yelling at them. Sounds like a recipe for disaster...but its usually fun. Right?**

****There's NO SUCH FOUL as OVER THE BACK. Why would there be a rule about being able to jump higher than your opponent in front of you and getting a rebound?**

****To the gentleman sitting at the top of the bleachers wearing a camo seed corn cap and home team tee-shirt, I hear you counting "ONE! TWO!! THREE!!!" Your counting skills are AMAZING. I'm sure that everyone's proud of you. Perhaps someday you'll conquer the number FOUR and perhaps....FIVE. Until then know that for there to be a "three second" violation the team has to have "team control" of the ball. That means when the shot is released (or "throw" as the rule book reads) the three second count is discontinued since no one has control, its in the air knucklehead. No one has control of the ball during rebounding action either...my bellicose buddy. Also...when a post player gets the ball in the lane the count is momentarily suspended. Its in the rules.**

****To the cheerleaders. You look darling. Stay out of my way. I've been running two freakin' miles ya know and #32's a SHIT. I've got my eye on him.**

****To the volunteers....thank you. YOU...ARE THE BEST.**

****To the players...don't roll your eyes at us when you're called for a foul. YOU GET FIVE.**

****To the players....I hope that you're having fun. I'm rooting for you.**

****To the coaches...I hope that your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. I appreciate it. Toughest job in the community.**

****To the players...when was the last time that you thanked your coach for giving up all of their free time to worry about you? To design an offense that wouldn't confuse you more than you already are? For putting up with a bunch of teenagers nonsense? Thank you coach...from us referees.**

****To the coaches...don't ask stupid questions that I have really good comebacks for like "it was a travel because they jumped up with the ball, then landed without releasing the ball" or "sure...necklaces are illegal except for medical and religious ones. The player in question attends a parochial school who your playing against at this time. I'll bet its a cross!"**

****To the assistant coaches....be quiet ya filthy animal!! Ha! I tease, but seriously...send all of your comments and suggestions through your head coach or you'll have to explain to them how you earned your team an indirect technical foul for gesturing wildly/shouting towards me as we go into a time out. Dead serious. They...won't be pleased with you.**

****To the concession stand workers who provide our dinners 5 nights a week.....and we also know who has the best popcorn anywhere!**

Have a great game tonight, pack that bag, make sure it is loaded in the car and HAVE FUN!!!! ☺

Tim