

## **New Basketball Official Information Sheet**

This sheet is intended to give you the *basics* to get you blowing the whistle and running up and down the floor! If you have ANY questions, please text or call Tim LaVan at (814)229-4787 or email him at [timlavan1@gmail.com](mailto:timlavan1@gmail.com).

### **Clearances**

Clearances need to be uploaded to the PIAA site. If you have issues with them, please let Tim know ASAP!

### **Uniform**

You will need the basics for a uniform as follows:

Striped shirt (with patch)  
Black pants  
Black socks  
Black lanyard and whistle (mini Fox-40 is best - Tim has one for you)  
Black shoes (solid black)

It is **GAMEDAY!!!!** Here are some *basics* for you to get started!

### **Pregame**

During pregame, both officials will stand opposite the table at the 28 foot line and monitor warmups. Each official should be making sure nobody has jewelry or illegal accessories. ***If anyone has jewelry, go to that player and they must remove it before continuing to warm-up.*** The accessory colors must be as follows - undershirts MUST be the white for the home team and the same color OR black for the visiting team. ALL other accessories (sleeves, headbands, wristbands, etc) must be the SAME color for the entire team and that color needs to be black, white, beige OR the predominant color of the jersey.

Checking the books:

- At the 12:00 mark, go over with the referee to check the books
  - We are required to go at 10:00, but going early allows for corrections if needed!
- Check the following in the home (official) book:
  - Count the number of players and write that number in the space after the last player, circle it and draw a line from the circle to the bottom of the page
    - This way, the scorekeeper cannot add a player without us seeing it
  - Make sure that the 5 starters are marked as starters
  - Make sure there are no repeat player numbers
    - Hopefully they are listed in numerical order so it is easy to see

- If they are not in numerical order, start at 0 (or 00) and go up by number, putting some sort of mark next to each number in order so that you know you saw it until getting to the max of 55
  - Repeat this for the visiting team
  - PRINT your name and partner's name in the designated space
  - **Get the visitor's book and make sure it matches the home book you just completed and print your names in it also.**
- At the 4:00 mark, get captains and HEAD coaches for the meeting and read the PIAA sportsmanship message

### **The GAME!!!!**

Here are some tips to get you through your first few games!

- **BLOW THE WHISTLE HARD!!!!**
- When you blow the whistle, we either have an open hand or closed fist
  - **OPEN HAND**
    - This is for any violation or out-of-bounds call
  - **CLOSED FIST**
    - This is for any foul call
- **WHAT YOU LOOK AT!!!!**
  - **It is called COVERAGE AREA**
  - Lead
    - Lead has a rectangle made up of the PAINT and the area from the foul line extended to the sideline and down to the baseline where you are
    - Trail has EVERYTHING Lead does NOT have!
  - The TOUGHEST part of the game for most new officials is to NOT watch the ball
    - Work hard to look at what is going on in YOUR coverage area
- When inbounding the ball
  - You will always be on the 'outside' of the player - in other words, further away from that player's basket than they are
  - Look at the player inbounding and say one of the following:
    - 'SPOT' if the player is not permitted to move (anything but after a made goal in general)
    - 'YOU CAN RUN' if they are permitted to run the endline (after a made goal)
  - Then move back a step and BOUNCE the ball to the thrower, put your whistle in your mouth and raise your hand that is furthest away from the thrower with your arm extended straight up and start the 5 second count with the closer hand/arm!!
  - When the ball is released, your 5 second count ENDS
  - When the ball is legally touched inbounds, chop the clock with a nice, crisp chop with the hand that was extended up high

- If we are in the backcourt coming up, make sure to have a count (10-seconds to get across the mid-court line)
- When calling a foul
  - Strong, loud whistle with fist extended high in the air
  - **PAUSE** and with the other arm/hand, 'bird dog' (point with the hand) to the player committing the foul
  - Signal what happened (hit, push, block, etc) **THEN SAY EITHER**
    - **Two shots or**
    - **Out of Bounds**, depending on what will happen
  - RUN to the table (do not run thru the paint) and STOP at the reporting area and **MAKE EYE CONTACT with the official scorer.**
    - Make sure to have eye contact and report everything in the order it happened
      - IF it was an 'and one', say 'count the goal' FIRST!
      - Say 'blue twenty-three, push, 2 shots' if the foul was on blue 23 and we are going to shoot 2 free throws
      - Say 'blue twenty-three, push, spot throw-in' if the foul was on blue 23 and we are going to resume play with a throw-in
    - You will ALWAYS be on the opposite side of the court as your partner in a two-person game
- LAST SHOT will be the trail official
  - Make sure to have a whistle after EVERY last shot
- Halftime meet your partner at mid court

### **AFTER the game!!!**

- Make sure to take the time to sit and TALK to your partner about the game
- Talk about what good things happened and what could have been done better
- **ASK QUESTIONS!**
  - You will be with someone who WANTS YOU TO BE A GREAT OFFICIAL!!!!