

# Connecticut State Board of Approved Basketball Officials

## Interpreters Bulletin



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Welcome to the 2018-2019 Basketball Season! There are minimal rules changes for this coming season. Officials will continue to enforce the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Points of Emphasis, which allows each team to compete equally through the use of skill, athleticism and *Freedom of Movement Principles*. The Connecticut High School Basketball Rules Interpreters have developed this "*Bulletin*" as a communication resource to share among basketball officials, athletic directors and coaches. Our objective is to promote a common understanding to the rules that regulate the game of high school basketball. In future bulletins, we will describe actual play scenarios to aid in your understanding of specific rulings.

Connecticut has six (6) area Rules Interpreters, and a State Interpreter who serves as our liaison to the CIAC. We are members of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO); the world's oldest, largest and most respected organization dedicated to the education and continuous improvement of basketball officials. We annually train our officials to follow the rules and *Points of Emphasis* promulgated by the CIAC and the NFHS. Following are the High School Basketball Rules Interpreters and their geographic area:

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### **A message from State Interpreter Peter Palermino:**

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. Partnerships between the CIAC, NFHS and IAABO have been created over many years to achieve these goals.

High school athletics are educationally-based, thus we share a commitment to support and enforce the value of healthy competition and good sportsmanship between student-athletes.

Coaches are strongly encouraged to *contact their local rules interpreter* regarding any rules questions or interpretations of the rules during the basketball season.

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RULES CHANGES FOR 2018-2019

### **2018-2019 NFHS RULES CHANGES**

**1-12-1c:** The basketball shall have a deeply-pebbled, granulated surface, with horizontally shaped panels bonded tightly to the rubber carcass.

**Rationale:** Clarifies ball specifications.

**9-9-1:** A player shall not be the first to touch the ball after it has been in team control in the frontcourt, if he/she or a teammate last touched or was touched by the ball in the frontcourt before it went to the backcourt. EXCEPTION: Any player located in the backcourt may recover a ball deflected from the frontcourt by the defense.

**Rationale:** To ensure that a team is not unfairly disadvantaged on a deflected pass.

### **POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

#### **PROPER UNIFORM AND APPAREL**

- The head coach shall not permit a team member to participate while wearing an illegal uniform. The head coach should ensure that the rules and restrictions have been reviewed by the team including allowable accessories such as hair control devices, head/wrist bands, arm/leg sleeves, tights and compression shorts.  
- Players who roll waistbands on their uniform shorts will not be allowed to enter the game.

#### **SPORTS MEDICINE**

- The athletic director, head coach and officials are reminded about concussion recognition and concern for skin infections, communicable diseases and ankle sprains

#### **RULES REVIEW AND AREAS OF EMPHASIS**

Officials need to review the following rule areas - establishing pivot foot & traveling, legal guarding position, block/charge, screening, verticality & loose ball recovery

**Key Rule Reminders** from previous years:

A *behavioral warning* to a *head coach/bench personnel* for misconduct is a new administrative procedure by an official to help improve sportsmanship of coaches.

- *Players that "body bump" the dribbler or post player* commit illegal contact and this must be ruled a foul. Officials must accurately identify if the defense or offense causes the contact and penalize the player causing the illegal contact.

- *Players along the free throw lane line during a free throw attempt* are not allowed to enter the free throw semi-circle, until the ball hits the ring.

- *Players located outside the 3-point arc during a free throw attempt* are not allowed to enter the 3-point arc until the ball hits the ring.

- *Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves, compression shorts and tights* are permissible and shall meet the color restrictions. Sleeves/tights and head/wrist bands shall be black, white, beige or the predominate color of the uniform and worn by all teammates. Undershirts, if worn, must be predominate color of uniform shirt.