



IAABO

Inside the Lines

“Things I NEVER Learned from the Rules Book”

In this issue IAABO is unveiling a new feature entitled: "Things I Never Learned from Reading the Rulebook". IAABO staff hopes this will become a regular addition to this publication. This issue's contributions were submitted by Larry Machione, IAABO Board #208 MA, Interpreter and are meant to add some levity to our rules knowledge as the new season approaches

#1 **ALWAYS** wear some type of BLACK undergarment. This will help to lessen the embarrassment when you split your pants, your zipper breaks or you failed to check the seams and a hole already exist.

#2 **ALWAYS** check that the zipper on your pants is properly closed before leaving the changing room. Most of us check that we have a whistle (whether we use it or not) but we should all check that the zipper is up and closed. If not refer to #1.

#3 **ALWAYS** have a spare pair of Black shoe laces that fit the shoes you have with you. If you have not learned this by now let me be the first to tell you "shoe laces never break at a good time".

It is our hope that other IAABO members will send us things that they have learned that is not contained in the Rulebook. Anyone who submits information that is chosen for publication will have their choice of an autograph photo of Tom Lopes (picture frame not included) or 2 complimentary tickets for the Hospitality Room at the next IAABO convention. Please send any additional thoughts to Donnie Eppley @ eppleyd@comcast.net.

Handbook Addendum



In our constant endeavor to update our Handbook and Officiating Manuals, we have come across an error on page two of the handbook. Under IAABO uniform (1) it should read Long black slacks, (belt less slacks and non tapered are preferred)



Click [here](#) to view the IAABO Play of the Week No. 6

Click [here](#) to answer a survey to ensure that you have an accurate ruling. Once you submit your answer, you will receive a response with IAABO's point of view on this play



Play of the Week

IAABO's ruling and interpretation on POTW #5:

From the camera angle on this play, it appears the ruling should have been a held ball. Rule 4, Section 25 defines a held ball as follows:

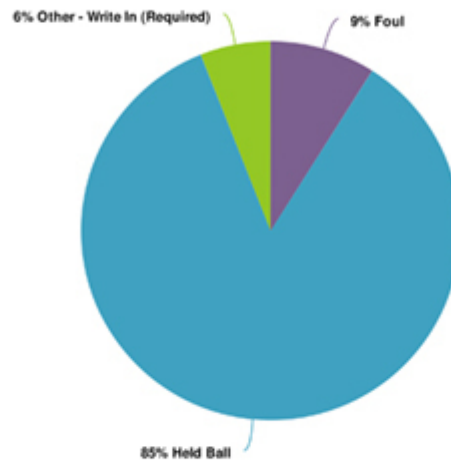
Art. 1...Opponents have their hands so firmly on the ball that control cannot be obtained without undue roughness.

Art. 2...An opponent places his/her hand(s) on the ball and prevents an airborne player from throwing the ball or releasing it on a try for goal.

This video seems to be an excellent example of Article 2 stated above. Opponents appear to place hands on the ball, preventing the try for goal. No contact is evident from the angle we have in this video.

If ruling a foul, officials shall be certain to follow the correct Foul Procedures discussed in last week's Play of the Week and detailed on Pages 139-140 of the IAABO Manual. Officials who know and use proper signals and mechanics will earn the respect of fellow officials and other game personnel.

Was there a foul on this play or would a held ball have been the correct?



Value	Percent	Responses
Foul	9.0%	67
Held Ball	85.0%	635
Other - Write In (Required)	6.0%	45

Totals: 747

Click [here](#) to view the survey results online.

Congratulations

Congratulations to John Shoppe, Bd. 111 Maine. John was selected as the random winner from 468 entries from last week's Play of the Week. John will receive an IAABO Whistle Bag for participating in IAABO's Play of the Week..



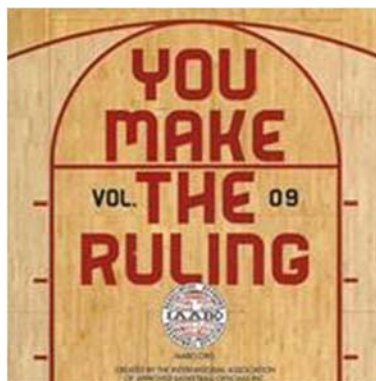
2017-18 NFHS Basketball Case Book Alteration – 10.5.1 SITUATION B: At halftime, as the teams, coaches and officials are making their way through a hallway to the dressing room, a Team A member verbally abuses one of the officials. **RULING:** The official must decide if the offense is major. Under 4-48, if not deemed to be major and neither a warning nor technical has been charged (direct or indirect) to the head coach, the bench personnel could be issued a warning. If a warning is ruled, this would be reported to both teams and recorded in the scorebook. If the official deems the offense to be major then a technical foul should be charged to the team member and indirectly to the head coach who loses coaching box privileges. The third quarter should begin with the opposing team shooting two free throws and being awarded the ball at the division line for a throw-in.

IAABO Foundation Raffle Underway (Cash Option Available)



Help support the IAABO Charitable & Education Foundation by purchasing a raffle ticket to win this beautiful 2018 Nissan Rogue. Tickets are \$100.00 and can be purchased at the upcoming Fall Seminar in Delaware. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting IAABO Past President and Foundation Trustee Peter Carroll, who is the Raffle Chairperson, directly at: commishbd@aol.com

You can also purchase a ticket by contacting any other IAABO Foundation Trustee or IAABO Inc. Executive Committee member. Note: A maximum of 1,000 tickets can be sold. The drawing date for the car will be April 28, 2018. The winner may elect the cash option.



You Make the Ruling – Volume 9 is available by contacting Kelly Callahan @ mkcallahan@aol.com. The cost for IAABO members is \$14.95. Board Interpreters who have not received their FREE copy of the DVD should contact Donnie Eppley @ eppleyd@comcast.net and a copy will be forwarded to you immediately.



Logo Contest – IAABO Supporting the Armed Forces

IAABO would like to develop a lapel pin to recognize our members that have served or are serving in the Armed Forces. The lapel pin is designed to be worn on a suit jacket or maybe even your black officiating jacket. We are having a logo contest that will run through Friday, December 15, 2017. Please email your suggested logo to Donnie Eppley@ eppleyd@comcast.net.



The new 2017 version is now available for the 1-month promotion which provides access now thru December 15. The 1-month subscription is \$10, users who want to continue using the tool for a full year will have a chance to apply the cost to an annual subscription at the end of the promotion. Future renewals of annual subscriptions, with new questions and updated rules/references, are \$6 each year.

To sign up, go to: www.ruleboxsoftware.com/iaabo.aspx

For individuals, click on Sign Up Now! and select the International Version.

For board bulk purchases, click on Board Purchases and sign in using your board administrative account. Note that this process can't be used directly to receive the promotional price, but boards can complete this process and then email us to apply the promotional discount as a credit adjustment.

Special Pre-Season Advisory for ALL IAABO Officials Student/Atheletes/Coach National Anthem Postures

As preparations for a new season are underway, sports officials are dealing with many challenges, some familiar, some new. All require IAABO Boards and officials to pay special attention to several areas where legal exposures are present; and where legal rights need to be asserted by officials. All officials should bear in mind that incorrect handling of the situations discussed below can result in significant legal and personal consequences. Please request that local boards review each of the following five areas of concern with all officials prior to the beginning of the season. If there are remaining questions, please contact the IAABO office.

1. Student-Athlete/Coach National Anthem Postures.

Media reports from various areas have recounted several instances where high school game officials have reacted publicly to student-athletes and/or coaches kneeling in silent protest during the playing of the national anthem before a game. This fall, it was reported that two officials, at a pre-match meeting with coaches threatened to disqualify any players who did not demonstrate respect for the American flag or the national anthem. In another instance, an official observed a player kneeling during the anthem and proceeded to advise a coach that he was leaving the gym. In yet another game, after witnessing players kneeling during the anthem two officials left the field, leaving the 3 remaining officials, — allegedly not without verbalizing his objection to kneeling players and their coach. After the game, the media reported that the coach claimed that, before the game the Referee requested — on behalf of the officiating crew — that any player who might kneel remain in the locker room “to avoid any problems.” After the game, one of the departed officials eagerly gave media interviews where he was reported to have said the chain officials who were called off the sidelines to replace the two officials “...weren’t officially trained,” and added that if the kneeling players “weren’t happy in the U.S., they should leave the country.”.....Click [here](#) to review the remainder of the advisory.



Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics DVDs. – Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics DVDs are available by contacting Kelly Callahan @ tmkcallahan@aol.com.

IAABO Spring Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland

The IAABO Spring Meeting will take place in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland. Reservations are now open for the Holiday Inn in Ocean City, MD April 19-22, 2018, by calling 410-524-1600 (ask for the IAABO rate ---Rates are \$99 for Wed, and Thursday, \$149 Friday and Saturday). Meeting highlights include the Life Membership Luncheon, committee meetings, elections, an awards program and the annual golf outing.

Directors & Officers Insurance Quick Facts

D&O Liability provides protection from lawsuits alleging damages against not only your board's officers, but also member officials of your IAABO Board. It provides coverage against such claims as: discrimination, harassment, financial mismanagement, wrongful suspension of officials, and wrongful dismissal of officials. Without D&O insurance, board members can be held personally liable with their own personal assets at risk to pay for defense costs in the event of a lawsuit. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at estanton@bordenperلمان.com

Game Tracker Journal

You have likely heard the saying, *"a goal without a plan is just a wish,"* and this age-old adage rings so true for all people pursuing all types of endeavors.



And for basketball officials embarking on the 2017-2018 season absent a basic strategy on how to achieve a stated desire -- a better schedule; advancement to the next level -- you are in a rudderless boat on an open sea hoping the winds of fate blow you to your destination.

Seeking officiating success described in this manner seems laughable, but yet many officials take this approach with their beloved avocation.

But Ref, don't panic now...Help is on the way in the form of the new, and first of its kind, **GameTracker Journal**.

This latest publication from long time IAABO members Billy Martin, Tim Malloy and Al Battista, the creators of Ref60.com, is an innovative tool that provides a template for every basketball official, at every level, to create your own realistic roadmap helping to guide you to your desired destination - one game at a time.

For more information on this **GameTracker Journal** tool visit www.Ref60.com/gametracker.

Special Deals for IAABO Basketball Officials

Briggs and Riley Luggage

Briggs and Riley Luggage - Officials will receive a 60% discount on any product. Officials must use the form which can be obtained by clicking [here](#) - There is a lifetime guaranteed on the luggage.

ASICS

Asics - IAABO Officials (U.S. ONLY) will receive a 40% discount on all Asics products - **EXCLUDING CLEARANCE**. Log into www.asics.com and place an order. (It is recommended that you create an account if you plan to order more than once. Upon checkout, they should enter the following promotion code- DayofgameE



ISlides – Customize your own IAABO ISlides. Click [here](#) to get started.

BRAZYN FOAM ROLLER

The advertisement features a blue and orange color scheme. On the left, a blue vertical banner contains the Brazyn logo (a stylized figure with arms raised) and the text "15% OFF" and "USE CODE: BRZNBB15". Below this, it says "SHOP NOW BRAZYN.COM". On the right, a person's hands are shown holding a blue, textured foam roller. The roller is shown in its expanded state and then being rolled up into a compact, collapsed state. The text "THE MORPH The Go Anywhere Collapsible Foam Roller" is displayed in white on an orange background at the bottom right.

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