

# IAABO

## Inside the Lines

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## Instructions to Scorers and Timers

Rule 2-1-2 states that the game officials shall be *assisted by an official timer and scorer*. It is imperative that, game officials understand the importance of the scorer and timer and how their effectiveness can impact the game.

High performing officials know the importance of having a thorough pre-game discussion with their partners before each game. It is this pre-game preparation that goes a long way in ensuring the game is officiated consistently and the crew can be effective.

Yet, how effective is your pre-game discussion with the table officials? A weak table, can mean a long night for game officials. Needless interruptions and stoppages of play can disrupt an otherwise well played game. A thorough pre-game discussion with the scorer and timer can mitigate some of these potential issues.

Per the manual, at approximately 12 minutes remaining in the pre-game warm up period, the Referee will go across the court to the table to meet with the scorer and timer. Possibly, the most important aspect of this discussion is to inform the scorer and timer of the importance of their roles in the game. The Referee needs to make them feel like a valuable member of the officiating team. The

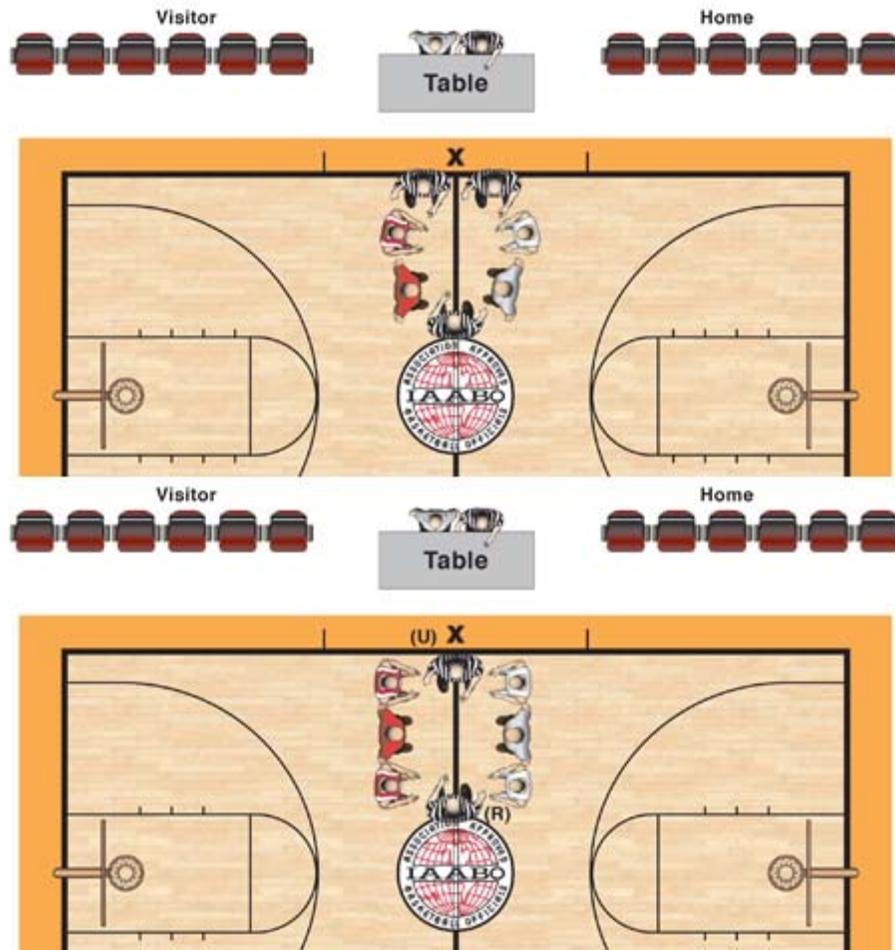
scorer is not just the “home book”, in most cases they are the “official” book and the Referee and the scorer need to be clear on the expectations for the contest.

The Referee will check the scorebook and ensure both teams are properly listed in the book and the starters are identified. It is important to note, that this information does not have to be written into the scorebook by 10 minute mark to meet the spirit and intent of the rule, it merely needs to be available to both teams and the scorer by the 10 minute mark.

The Referee should discuss with and have an understanding, of how the scorer records personal fouls, technical fouls, timeouts, held balls, progressive scores and warnings. This year’s rules change, that allows coaches/bench personnel to be warned for certain behavior warning and coaches box infractions; it would be a good idea for officials to ensure scorers are familiar with the rule and how it will be recorded.

From there, it is vital that the Referee and scorer and timer be on the same page in regards to bonus, double bonus and disqualifications and properly handling substitutes throughout the game. The communication from the scorer and timer is vital in these situations.

The Referee should also discuss with the scorer, the importance of eye contact during table reports. Scorers should be watching the game closely and have an idea of the rulings, but should not make assumptions on the ruling that was made. Establishing good clear eye contact during table reports will help the game officials and scorer feel confident that rulings are being recorded accurately.



## Coaches & Captains Pregame Meeting

Our IAABO manual (Crew of Two, pg 11 & Crew of Three, pg 98) provides guidance on when, where and how to conduct a pregame meeting between the opposing head coaches, the team captains, and the game officials. It is an important opportunity to set the tone of the contest and to address some essential rule related requirements.

After brief introductions of all participants, Rule 2-4-5 states that as part of the Referee's pregame duties, s/he must verify with the head coach, prior to the contest that:

1. his/her team members' uniforms and equipment are legal;
2. the uniforms and equipment will be worn properly; and
3. all participants will exhibit proper sporting behavior throughout the contest.

An affirmative response to each of the statements above is required. Additionally, IAABO strongly suggests that the Referee inquire as to whether the home team has an "appropriate health care professional" covering the game. This person, if available, will make the determination on a player's ability to return to play (if allowed by your state) in the event a player is removed from the game due

to exhibiting “signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion.” (Rule 3-3-8). States have varying guidelines/laws related to concussion protocols, so it’s imperative that all officials are aware of your state regulations.

Once these items are covered, it’s a great time to ask if there are any questions? If there are reasonable ones e.g. things that address new rules or questions about the playing environment, then ask succinctly using rule book terminology. Do not get drawn into a “how are you going to call hand-checking tonight?” If there are no questions, wish both teams good luck and return to your pregame positions on the court. This entire exchange should be brief but will establish the guidelines for the rest of the game.

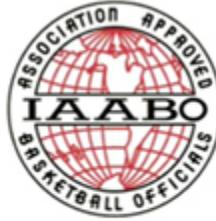
## *Congratulations*

The winner of this week's prize is William Rudowitz, Bd. 33 NJ. Williams is from Monroe, New Jersey. William will be received a prize in the mail from IAABO, Inc. A special thanks to everyone who participated.



Click [here](#) to view the IAABO Play of the Week No. 8 - At the end of the video, you will need to click on the link shown below to access the survey question. In addition, all IAABO Plays of the Week are archived at [www.iaabo.org](http://www.iaabo.org).

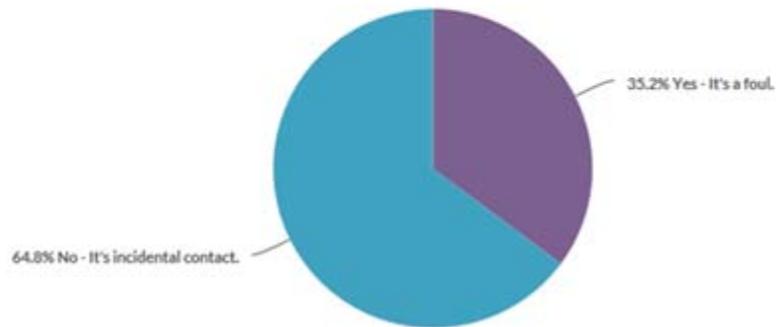
Click [here](#) to answer a survey to ensure that you have an accurate ruling. Once you submit your answer, you will receive a response with IAABO's point of view on this play



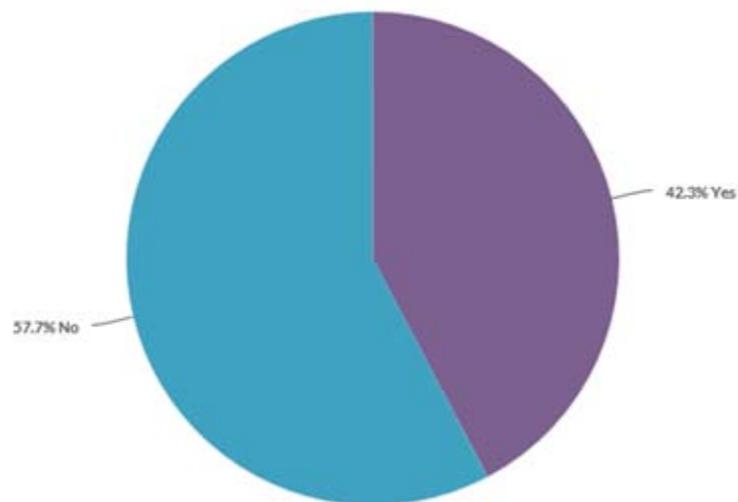
# *Play of the Week*

The results from last week's Play of the Week No. 7 are shown below.

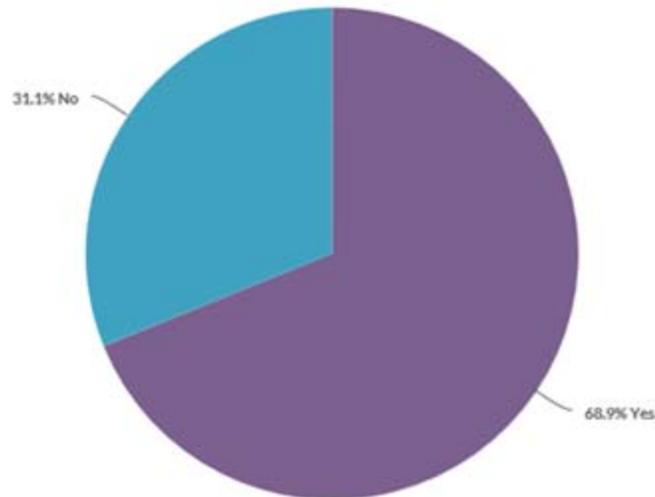
1. Does the contact by White #14 constitute a foul?



2. Did Green #32 travel before he began his dribble?



3. Was the center official in proper position to make a ruling on this play?



## “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](mailto: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)



**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

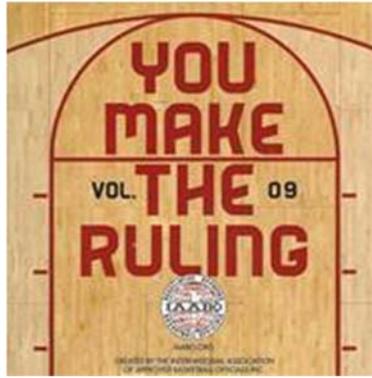
has been charged (direct or indirect) to the head coach, the bench personnel could be issued a warning. If a warning is ruled, this would be reported to both teams and recorded in the scorebook. If the official deems the offense to be major then a technical foul should be charged to the team member and 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:eppleyd@comcast.net) and a copy will be forwarded to you immediately.

## **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.

## 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.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.Ref60.com/gametracker).

## Special Deals for IAABO Basketball Officials

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**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.

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