RTO Basketball Bulletin #2

RTO Basketball – Coach Evaluation

- Coaches have been provided the opportunity to submit a crew evaluation. The categories on the evaluation form match the categories contained in the WOA Basketball Official Rubric.
- The evaluations submitted by coaches and/or athletic administrators are strictly used for feedback in an effort to better utilize the RTO Observers. Since the scores provided are actually crew scores, these scores are not a reflection on any one official.

Weekly Quiz – Each week, the WOA will post a 5 question quiz on the WOA Basketball Central Hub. Once on the WOA Basketball Central Hub, go to the Testing tab. These quizzes are not a requirement, but are made available if you would like to use them throughout the year as a training tool.

Concussion Reporting – Please remember that when a player is removed for signs or symptoms of a concussion, the official must submit an online report at the conclusion of the contest. The report will be sent to the school for follow-up by the athletic administration.

Professionalism – The first opportunity to make an impression is when you arrive at the site. Officials should arrive 45 minutes prior to tip off and should be on the court 15 minutes prior to tip off. Arriving late to a game creates unnecessary stress for the game manager and your assigner, as well as creating a negative perception of you and your crew (even though your crew may have been on time).

Food for Thought – Recently, the WOA sent out a survey in regard to game fee increases. Much of the talk has been that it is time for an increase and that officials deserve an increase. Most people would not disagree with these comments. The question that officials should ask is “Am I officiating in a way that demonstrates that I deserve an increase?” The biggest advocate for an increase is the performance of the official. Are you taking care of your pre-game responsibilities? Are you using approved mechanics? Are you acting in a professional manner from the time you walk into the gym until the time to leave the parking lot? Are you refraining from participating in a running dialogue with spectators?

Injury Timeout – When a player is injured and a coach is beckoned onto the floor, get away from the situation. A frustrated coach may use that time to verbalize displeasure. Don’t make yourself available at this time – you have 9 other players to observe and manage, making sure they stay on the floor. Once the coach has been beckoned onto the court for an injured player, the player can only remain in the game if a timeout (full or 30-second if they have no full timeouts remaining) by that team is taken. If the player is going to be replaced, the coach has 20 seconds to do so, once the player has been removed from the court.

Shot Clock Malfunction – If one shot clock malfunctions, coaches may agree to use one operational clock. If this is agreed upon, the announcer should announce the final five seconds. If both shot clocks malfunction or the coaches do not agree to use one shot clock, an alternate timing device should be used and the announcer should announce at 15 seconds remaining and then countdown the final five seconds.

Flash Photography – Flash photography is allowed during a basketball game. If a coach complains about the use of flash photography, contact game management to handle the situation. Officials should not interact with photographers during the game.

Sublimated Uniform – The new Cliff Keen sublimated uniform will be the primary shirt for the regional and state tournaments. Please do not wait until the last minute to order a uniform, as not all the vendors will have the shirts in stock. The potential Cliff Keen vendors include: Sound Athletic Supply, Kimmels, ProStock, Gerry Davis and Cliff Keen.

Thought for the Week – Assume that everything you do will be on video and everything you say will be overheard by someone.