

coaches, but also of the officials themselves. If properly executed, the signals offer the possibility of creating confidence in the officials on the part of players, coaches, and spectators.

Every official is expected to follow this procedure in the calling of fouls:

- (a) Give sharp fast whistle.
- (b) Give time-out signal immediately.
- (c) Give signal indicating nature of foul (both officials should signal).
- (d) Announce fouling player's number to scorer's table.
- (e) Proceed to the foul line.

From observers' reports there have been too many instances where men have been on the playing space unnecessarily and have been in the way. There will be times when it is absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of the game for officials to be on the floor. Moreover, it is suggested that referees and umpires be more alert in moving out of the way and off the court on fast breaks.

Our reports show that there has been a general let-down on play coverage by the man trailing the play. Poor handling has resulted because the trailing man has not focused his attention on the action of the players going in, and has placed too much importance on the need of covering his territory should the ball change hands and move quickly toward his end. Every official must remember that it is vital to cover play situations that are actually being executed and not reduce his efficiency by anticipating remote possibilities.

There are some officials who have given highly undesirable exhibitions of carelessness during time-outs, some sitting or leaning upon the timers' or scorers' table, and others conducting conversations with the spectators. This condition should be remedied at once. All officials should conduct themselves in a dignified manner and be businesslike at all times during the game.

There have been too many instances when officials have permitted teams, during time-outs, to take any position on the floor and in the majority of cases to group themselves around the players bench. This is contrary to the Manual and your attention is directed to the proper procedure.

Upon being notified by the scorer of the game that a time-out just granted is in excess of the legal number permitted a team, officials should wait until thirty seconds have elapsed before charging a technical foul and awarding a free throw, in order to allow that team the full privilege granted it by the rules of making a substitution which would nullify foul and penalty.

When two officials call a play differently, the graver of two offenses is penalized. If the play on which they differ is an out-of-bounds ball, a jump ball is ruled. This should very rarely happen; with two men working well as a team, the nearer man will make the first call.

Do not hesitate to call fouls, even though your fellow official may be nearer the play, for often he is screened and in such a position that he cannot see the actual foul.

Remember that kicking the ball is a violation only when it is a positive act; accidental striking of the ball with the foot or leg is not a violation.

Technical fouls which are deliberate and unsportsmanlike should be penalized. Example—Throwing ball away from near official.

It is not in order to warn players; when fouls are made, call them.

Deliberate delay of game is a technical foul.

Too often officials are ruling a play along sidelines and center line as force out or force over when actually a foul has been committed.

Cooperate with all of your fellow officials, scorers and timers included.

Don't forget that a loss of dignity means a loss of respect.

Never be guilty of a slow, weak whistle.

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CONFERENCE RULES DIFFERENCES

There are several variations of rules being used for the first time this season in different conferences. In the Southern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference teams are playing without the option of foul shooting or taking possession out of bounds. There is no choice in that division of the Pacific Coast Conference, which has ruled that players must shoot the free-throw. In the Northern Division of the same conference rims of all baskets are painted a bright orange to aid the player's visibility in shooting.

The Missouri Valley Conference is playing its games with a no limit substitution rule. Players may leave and enter the games as many times as they wish. Another rule change in that conference which is being studied, but not in use at present, is for time-out being called on all jump balls. Coach Eddie Hickey of Creighton University suggested the rule, and in early studies reports that one minute and 38 seconds are saved in playing time.