

## OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 2013-2014 basketball season. Even though the national rules committee has made only a handful of changes the past few years it is important that schools and officials be diligent about their implementation. Last year it became required that the official scorer wear a striped garment. Most scorers gladly adorned the stripes and became one of the three most stylish dressed in the gym. There has been some reluctance on the part of some scorers however to wear the stripes. If you, as an official, have a scorer that does not want to wear stripes, gently remind them that they are a part of your team and that it is very beneficial to look at the bench when reporting fouls and be able to spot them easily. If you have those that refuse or simply don't have stripes to wear let your commissioner know so he can contact the OSAA who will follow up with the school's Athletic Director.

In recent years it has become a trend for some players to wear their waist band turned down or inside out. This is illegal. The rules state that the uniform is to be worn as the manufacturer intended. This includes the warm-up period before the game begins.

A point of emphasis this year is the granting of a time out. While this may seem simple it can sometimes be very contentious. Before granting a time out officials must determine that there is player control of the ball and that it is the coach or a player on the floor asking for the time out. This can be difficult in a loud gym when it is the coach asking for the time out and the official's back is to the bench. The coaches' pregame conference with the officials is often a good time to discuss time outs. Coaches are encouraged to request the time out both verbally and visually and can help officials by immediately letting them know the length of time out they are requesting so that information can be relayed to the opposing team. Time outs are a point of emphasis this year. Be sure to review the proper sequencing for granting time outs before the season begins.

### PLAY OF THE WEEK

A1 is shooting a jump shot. A2 sets a screen on B1. B1 fouls A2 while trying to block A1's shot. B1 does not make contact with A1, but A2 makes contact with A1 because of the foul disrupting the shot.

Ruling: Only the foul of B1 on A2 can be penalized. You can count the basket by A1 if it goes in, but no free throws can be awarded A1 if the shot is missed. Award the ball out of bounds to A if not in the bonus. If in the bonus award the appropriate number of free throws.

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