

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 2014-2015 basketball season. Each new season brings with it new rules and sometimes new mechanics to implement, and this season is no exception. New rules this year include:

1. Players occupying marked lane spaces may enter the lane on the release of the ball by the free throw shooter. All other restrictions remain in place.
2. Arm, knee, and leg sleeves as well as tights are now permissible. They must meet the color restrictions of white, black, beige or the predominant color of the uniform. A doctor's note is not needed.
3. Intentional fouls include but are not limited to excessive contact with an opponent while the ball is live or until an airborne shooter returns to the floor. The intent is that an intentional foul should be called on any player, not just the player playing the ball.
4. The rules committee also defined what constitutes a foul against a ball handler/dribbler:
 - Placing two hands on the player.
 - Placing an extended arm bar on the player. Note: Once a post player receives the ball they become a ball handler and the restrictions apply.
 - Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
 - Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

It is important that we, as officials, call fouls as the rules committee has defined them. If we don't we lose credibility and put officials who are making the proper call in a difficult situation.

Officials in Oregon will also be using a new mechanic commonly referred to as "table side" mechanics. For all shooting fouls the calling official is to report the foul and remain table side at trail. It is important to note that the calling official has the option of going to Lead opposite the table to avoid a confrontational situation. This should be done rarely and should be thoroughly discussed during the pregame conference. This mechanic change puts Oregon in line with NFHS mechanics.

Play of the Week

A1 forcefully attempts to dunk the ball. The ball is checked by the net and 'pops' out.

Ruling: No basket. By rule a goal is scored when a live ball enters the basket from above and remains in or passes through.

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