

**OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

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New on the high school basketball mechanics front this year is the use of two hand reporting of fouls. The right hand is used for the tens and the left for ones. Present the number looking through your hands when facing the score keeper. It is important to note that when verbalizing the number, the official should say thirty-two, not three-two.

New state adoption -- officials will no longer switch on back court fouls when using three-person mechanics. This only applies when no foul shots are involved. The OAOA basketball committee's rational when proposing the change to OSAA was to simplify a rather complex mechanic and make it easier for officials throughout the state, especially those that do not work a lot of three-person games. It is important to note that the calling official still needs to move to the reporting area and come to a stop before reporting the foul.

Oregon has a few other mechanics that differ from the NFHS. In addition to the above, officials may use a bounce pass across the key on the baseline when the ball is moving from back to front court. This only applies to two-person mechanics. Other differences include using the fist punch for player and team control fouls without stopping the clock, and pointing the direction of the ball when it goes out of bounds without first stopping the clock.

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