

**OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
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The OSAA, like most state associations, follow all the NFHS basketball rules as written. We do however have some mechanics that are unique to Oregon. The following is a list of those mechanics that we use in Oregon that you won't find in the officials' manual.

- When using three person mechanics there are no switches on fouls when going from back court to front court on a non shooting foul. The NFHS mechanic was confusing and at times awkward.
- When a ball goes out of bounds blow your whistle and point (palm open) the direction of the ball. It is not necessary to first stop the clock. Some folks still stop the clock and there is nothing wrong with that.
- Team and player control fouls are called with a fist punch. Again, it isn't necessary to stop the clock. Do your best to follow the mechanic, but if you stop the clock out of habit you won't be admonished for it.
- When using two person mechanics it is permissible to bounce the ball across the key to the in bouncer in back court. We do not use this mechanic when working three person mechanics. It is certainly not mandatory and local associations can make their own decisions whether to use it or not. If you don't like the mechanic don't use it.

Whether you like or dislike the mechanics as outlined it is what we have right now. If you have strong feelings one way or another speak with your basketball committee representative. The basketball committee is the first step in making any changes.

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