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NFHS Basketball Rules / 2010-11 Editorial Changes / PowerPoint Script

Slide 2: There is no “penalty” of a technical foul associated with this note or rule – only that the players that were in the game when the break occurred (intermission, time-out) will start play when the break has concluded – if a substitute has not properly reported.

If a substitute has not properly reported and enters the game undetected (illegally), Rule 3-3-3 applies and the substitute becomes a legal player when the ball becomes live.

Slide 3: These editorial changes were made because there was some concern that 3-3-1 and 4-34-2 were in conflict with one another – i.e. you can’t have a “substitute” report when all team members are considered bench personnel (no “players” to be substituted for). The intent of having all team members considered bench personnel during intermission was to assess the proper penalty for unsporting behavior on the individual AND assess an indirect on the coach.

Slide 4: This editorial change just reflects the same rule written in other places for clarification.

Slide 6: New rules language for 3-5-2:

ART. 2...Guards, casts, braces and compression sleeves must meet the following guidelines:

- a. A guard, cast or brace made of a hard and unyielding substance, such as, but not limited to, leather, plaster, plastic or metal shall not be worn on the elbow, hand, finger/thumb, wrist or forearm; even though covered with soft padding.
- b. Hard and unyielding items (guards, casts, braces, etc.) on the upper arm or shoulder must be padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½” thick.
- c. Knee and ankle braces which are unaltered from the manufacturer’s original design/production are permitted and do not require any additional padding/covering.
- d. A protective face mask may be worn and made of hard material, but must be worn molded to the face with no protrusions.
- e. Must be worn for medical reasons.

The changes made to 3-5-2:

a. - the words “pliable (soft)” were removed – they were causing too many issues since they contradict “hard and unyielding.”

Slide 7: The changes made to 3-5-2 (continued):

d. - the original intent of the rule was to permit a face mask molded to the face. Recently, manufacturer’s have been marketing products for use in basketball that are worn in other sports (softball, lacrosse, etc.) and that are not molded to the face and are “cage-like.” This editorial change just clarified the original intent of the rule.

Slide 8: Image illustrates a legal face mask. It is molded to the face with no protrusions.

Slide 9: This editorial change just clarifies when the ball is at the disposal of a player after a made basket to differentiate between live- and dead-ball situations for the purposes of administering penalties and granting time-outs.

Slide 10: This does involve some judgment on the part of the administering official, as in the PlayPic being illustrated. If No. 54 has the ball **available** to him, but makes no move or attempt to pick it up (getting excessive instructions from the coach, attempting to have additional time tick off the clock, etc.), the administering official should start the throw-in count. When this happens, the ball is at the player’s disposal and is a live ball (6-1-2b).

Slide 11: This has been a long-standing interpretation and has been stated in the NFHS Basketball Case Book for many years. To alleviate confusion, the committee felt it should be stated in the NFHS Basketball Rules Book as well.

Slide 12: 4-42-5:

ART. 5 . . . The throw-in ends when:

- a. The passed ball touches or is legally touched by another player inbounds.
- b. The passed ball touches or is touched by another player out of bounds, except as in 7-5-7.
- c. The throw-in team commits a throw-in violation.