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RULES

Rule 4.19: ART. 3

An intentional foul is a personal or technical foul that may or may not be premeditated and is not based solely on the severity of the act. Intentional fouls include, but are not limited to:

- A. Contact that neutralizes an opponent's obvious advantageous position.
- B. Contact away from the ball with an opponent who is clearly not involved with a play.
- C. Contact that is not a legitimate attempt to play the ball/player specifically designed to stop the clock or keep it from starting.
- D. Excessive contact with an opponent while the ball is live or until an air-borne shooter returns to the floor.
- E. Contact with a thrower-in as in 9-2-10 Penalty 4.

4.19.3 SITUATION A:

B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting: (a) a successful two-point or three-point try; (b) an unsuccessful two-point try; or (c) an unsuccessful three-point try.

Ruling: In (a) and (b), A1 is awarded two free throws. In (c), A1 is awarded three free throws. In all situations following the free throws, Team A is awarded a throw-in at the out-of-bounds spot nearest the foul.

RULES (continued)**4.19.3 SITUATION B:**

A1 drives the basket with B1 in pursuit. As A1 begins the act of shooting, B1 gets a hand on the ball from behind and the subsequent contact takes A1 forcefully to the floor and out of bounds.

Ruling: An intentional foul shall be charged when the contact is judged to be excessive, even though the opponent is playing the ball. (4-11-1, 4-19-3d).

4.19.3 SITUATION C:

Team A leads by three points with four (4) seconds remaining in the fourth (4th) quarter. Team A is to throw-in from a spot out of bounds on the end line. Players begin jockeying for positions just after the official has handed the ball to A1. B1, while trying to deny a pass from A1 to A2: (a) grab's A2's jersey; or (b) pushes A2 from behind.

Ruling: In (a) and (b), it is an intentional personal foul designed to keep the clock from starting or to neutralize an opponent's obvious advantageous position.

4.19.3 SITUATION D:

Late in the fourth (4th) quarter Team B is trailing by six (6) points. Team B's head coach begins to yell to his or her players to "foul, foul, foul!" B1 responds by (a) grabbing A1 from behind, or (b) reaching for the ball but illegally contacting A1 on the arm.

Ruling: In (a), an intentional foul shall be called. In (b), a common foul shall be called as B1 was making a legitimate attempt to "play the ball."

Comment: Fouling near the end of a game of a game of a game is an acceptable coaching and playing strategy. Officials must determine if a foul is intentional by judging the fouling act itself, not whether or not the coach instructed a player to perform the act.

TEAM MEMBER'S EQUIPMENT / APPAREL**Rule 3-5: ART. 3**

Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves and tights are permissible:

- A. Anything worn on the arm and/or leg is sleeve, except a knee brace, and shall meet the color restrictions.
- B. The sleeves/tights shall be black, white, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and the same color sleeves/tights shall be worn by teammates.
- C. All sleeves/tights shall be the same solid color and must be the same color as any headband or wristband worn.
- D. Meet the logo requirements in 3-6.

Note: In general, a brace is defined as anything that contains hinges and/or straps an opening over the knee cap. Tights may not be 3/4 length, and must extend to the socks or shoes (3-5-7).

ART. 4

Wristbands and headwear shall meet the following guidelines:

- A. Headbands and wristbands shall be white, black, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and shall be the same color for each item and all participants. They must be the same color as any sleeve/tights worn. See 3-6 for logo requirements.
- B. A headband is any item that goes around the entire head. It must be a circular design without extensions. If worn, only one headband is permitted, it must be worn on the forehead/crown, it must be nonabrasive and unadorned, and it must be a maximum of two (2) inches wide.
- C. If worn, only one wristband is permitted on each wrist, each must be worn on the arm below the elbow, each must be moisture-absorbing, nonabrasive and unadorned, and each must be a maximum of four (4) inches wide.
- D. Rubber, cloth or elastic bands may be used to control hair. Hard items, including, but not limited to, beads, barrettes and bobby pins, are prohibited.
- E. Head decorations and headwear, except those specified above, are prohibited.

PIAA HANDBOOK

A team must be accompanied and supervised by a Coach from the member school that the Team is representing. ARTICLE XIV, COACHES, Section 1, Who May Coach, of the PIAA By-Laws, relevantly provides that a Coach is a person (including volunteer high school alumni, professional athletes, and citizens of the community) engaged, either for an entire season or any part thereof, by a school to provide Coaching to a Team. If a disqualification and ejection of a Coach leaves a Team without supervision by a Coach approved by both the Principal and the Athletic Director, the Contest shall be forfeited to that Team's opponent.

COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY**Rule 10-4-1**

The head coach is responsible for his/her own conduct and behavior, as well as substitutes, disqualified team members and all other bench personnel. Bench personnel, including the head coach, shall not:

Commit an unsporting foul. This includes, but is not limited to, acts or conduct such as:

- A. Disrespectfully addressing an official.
- B. Attempting to influence an official's decision.
- C. Using profane or inappropriate language or obscene gestures.
- D. Disrespectfully addressing, baiting or taunting an opponent.

NOTE: The NFHS and PIAA disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.

- E. Objecting to an official's decision by rising from the bench or using gestures.
- F. inciting undesirable crowd reactions.
- G. Being charged with fighting.
- H. Removing the jersey and/or pants/skirt within the visual confines of the playing area.
- I. Grasping either basket except to prevent injury; dunking or stuffing, or at tempting to dunk or stuff a dead ball.

COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY (cont'd)**Rule 10.4.1 SITUATION A:**

A technical foul is charged to: (a) a Team A substitute; (b) Team B's manager; (c) Team A's athletic trainer; or (d) Team B's assistant coach. In all cases, the foul is charged because of uncomplimentary remarks addressed to an official.

Ruling: The individual in (a), (b), (c), and (d) are all considered to be bench personnel and have violated the rules governing conduct while on the "bench." A second technical charged to any of these individuals results in disqualification. In addition to charging a technical to the individuals in all cases, the technical foul is also charged indirectly to the head coach resulting in the loss of coaching-box privileges. A second technical foul charged directly, or the third technical foul (direct or indirect) charged to the head coach results in similar disqualification and ejection. (10-4-1a).

10.4.1 SITUATION B:

At halftime, as the teams, coaches, and officials are making their way through a hallway to the dressing room, a Team A member verbally abuses one of the officials.

Ruling: A technical foul is charged to the team member and is also charged indirectly to the head coach resulting in the loss of coaching-box privileges. During intermission all team members are bench personnel and are penalized accordingly. If the conduct is flagrant, the team member shall be disqualified. The third quarter will begin with two Team B free throws and the ball awarded at half court. The alternating-possession arrow is unaffected. Team A will also have one foul toward the team-foul count. (10-4-1a).

10.4.1 SITUATION C:

After the signal to end the first half, A1 removes his/her jersey near the team bench.

Ruling: A technical foul is charged to A1 and an indirect technical foul is charged to the head coach resulting in the loss of coaching-box privileges; A1 is considered bench personnel in this situation. (10-4-1h).

10.4.1 SITUATION D:

A1 commits his/her fifth foul and is disqualified. On the way to the team bench, A1 removed his/her shirt or pulls it over their face: (a) before the coach is notified; or (b) after the coach is notified.

Ruling: In (a) and (b), a technical foul is charged to A1. In (b), an indirect technical foul is also charged to the head coach resulting in the loss of coaching-box privileges. A1 is considered to be bench personnel. (10-4-1h).

COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY (cont'd)**10.4.1 SITUATION E:**

Fifteen (15) minutes before the game is scheduled to start, team member A1 dunks. Two minutes later A2 dunks.

Ruling: A1 and A2 are both charged with a technical foul. In addition, the head coach is charged indirectly with a technical foul for each act. The two fouls are team fouls for purpose of reaching the bonus. When dunking occurs during the pregame practice period the official notifies the team member and the head coach, but does not sound the whistle. The coach should be informed that he/she has lost the privilege of using the coaching box for the entire game. (10-4-1h).

10.4.1 SITUATION F:

A1 is driving toward the basket for an apparent goal when the official, while trailing the play advancing in the direction in which the ball is being advanced, is cursed by the head coach or bench personnel of Team B. How should the official handle this situation?

Ruling: The official shall withhold blowing the whistle until A1 has either made or missed the shot. The official shall then sound the whistle and assess the Team B head coach or bench personnel with a technical foul. If the official judges the act to be flagrant, the offender shall be ejected. If A's coach or bench personnel was the offender, the whistle shall be sounded immediately when the unsporting act occurs. (10-4-1a).

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