To: OHSAA Basketball Officials

From: Denny Morris, Director of Basketball Officiating Development

Re: COVID Protocols and Plays of the Week - Week 2

In an effort to halt the plethora of questions that has inundated the OHSAA office and myself regarding COVID protocol for the 2021-22 basketball season, please review the following.

- 1) First and foremost, let's make a concerted effort to continue to use some common sense!
- 2) Jackets have never been required during the regular season. They have been and continue to be optional. By tournament time, we would anticipate wearing them.
- 3) Captains meetings are optional (and I would discourage).
- 4) I would strongly discourage handshakes or fist bumps with players and if you do, certainly use hand sanitizer afterwards. I would also encourage carrying a small bottle in your pocket and use throughout the game.
- 5) Pregame you can stand opposite the scorer's table if you feel more comfortable
- 6) Wearing masks before or during the contest is optional
- 7) If you feel the dressing facilities are too cramped at a particular school, arriving dressed and departing immediately is optional.
- 8) We will utilize normal mechanics throughout. If you want to stay back from a player and bounce ball to them for inbounds on end line, that is fine.
- 9) If you haven't been vaccinated, that would be your BEST first line of defense
- 10) Obviously the protocol is subject to change at any time if conditions necessitate. Please do not burden the OHSAA office or myself with all the "what ifs". When in doubt, refer back to item #1

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please stay safe and healthy!

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## THREE-TENTHS OF A SECOND OR LESS ON CLOCK

5.2.5 (C): With three-tenths of a second or less left in a tied game, each team is in the bonus. Team A has a throw-in on the end line near their basket. A1 throws the ball to A5 on the near block who catches the ball and quickly shoots. A5 is fouled by B3 just prior to the end-of-period signal. The ball goes through A's basket.

- 1. A5 was fouled in the act of shooting and is awarded two free throws. The result of the free throw attempts will determine if the game is over or if an overtime period is necessary.
- 2. Since A5 cannot control the ball and attempt a try with three-tenths or less, A5 cannot score a goal and is not considered in the act of shooting. However, B3's foul cannot be ignored and is considered a common foul. A5 is awarded a one-and-one bonus free-throw with the free-throw lane spaces clear. The result of the free throw attempts will determine if the game is over or if an overtime period is necessary.
- 3. Since A5 cannot control the ball and attempt a try with three-tenths or less, A5 cannot score a goal and is not considered in the act of shooting. Since A5 had controlled the ball, the quarter should end and an extra period started as the game ends in a tie.

## JUMP-BALL ADMINISTRATION

6.3.2: The referee is ready to toss the ball to start the game. (a) A1 who was on the center restraining circle backs off; (b) B1 moves onto the restraining circle into an unoccupied spot; (c) B2 moves off the

circle and goes behind A2 and is within 3 feet of the circle; or (d) B3 moves off the circle about 5 feet and moves around behind A3 and A4 who are occupying spaces on the circle.

- 1. All situations are legal.
- 2. All situations are illegal and re-jump in each instance.
- 3. Legal in only (a) and (d), but a violation in (b) and (c). The violation by Team B results in a throw-in for Team A.
- 4. Legal in (a), (b), and (d).
- 6.3.7: During a jump ball: (a) jumper A1 touches the ball simultaneously with both hands, and then touches the ball with the right hand followed by the left hand. Is this a violation?
  - 1. Yes
  - 2. No
- 6.4.1 (C): Following the jump between A1 and B1 to start the first quarter, the jump ball is simultaneously controlled by A2 and B3, or the ball is simultaneously touched by A2 and B3 then goes out of bounds. How do we proceed?
  - 1. Re-jump with A1 and B1
  - 2. Re-jump with A2 and B3
  - 3. Re-jump with any players on the floor
- 9.1.3 (G): While A1 is attempting a final free-throw, B1, who is in a marked lane space enters the lane too soon, then shooter A1 steps on the free-throw line while releasing the throw.
  - 1. The violation by B1 is ignored since the shooter violated. B's ball anywhere on the endline.
  - 2. The violation by A1 is ignored and is given a substitute free throw due to B1's violation.
  - 3. Double violation and the ball is put in play using the alternating possession arrow.

## OUT OF BOUNDS and THE THROW-IN

7.6.5: Prior to a throw-in on the end line near A's basket, A1, A2 and A3 line up shoulder-to-shoulder parallel to the line and: (a) within 3 feet of it; or (b) more than 3 feet from it. In both cases, Team B requests space between Team A players.

- 1. Grant the request in both situation A and B as the players are parallel to the baseline
- 2. Grant the request in situation A only as they are within 3 feet of the baseline, but the request is denied in situation B
- 3. Grant the request in situation B as the players are more than 3 feet from the baseline, but the request is denied in situation A
- 4. In both cases, the request is denied

Answers: Q1-2; Q2-3, Q3-Yes; Q4-2; Q5-3; Q6-2

