

We are nearly two weeks into the high school basketball season. It has been fantastic to get into gyms and hear the pep bands and see our students and coaches compete. Here are some things I've observed and heard from various parts of the state.

- Jewelry is prohibited. Those three words make up **Rule 3-5-7**. This includes plastic and metal jewelry. Coaches should not allow jewelry to be worn. Officials should not allow jewelry to be worn.
- Coaches and officials can help each other and the scoreboard operator by coaches staying in the coaching box and officials enforcing it. Head and assistant coaches inadvertently stand in the view of the scoreboard operator at times in addition to gain a competitive advantage when leaving the coaching box.
- Thank you to all for a smooth start to the new bonus rule. I have heard very little and nothing directly that leads me to believe we weren't prepared for this. ADs deserve credit for this as well.
- Professionalism by officials and coaches is something that needs to be reinforced. On the whole, I think we've done well – however there is room for improvement. What one person may think is funny or a well meaning comment may not be received that way by the other person.
- Officials – for more, please refer to Scott's email from Arbiter on Sunday night as he covered mechanics and mentoring as well as other topics.
 - Use the three forms to communicate with our office.
 - Loss of Coaching Box: A technical foul called on the head coach.
 - Unusual Situation: Ejections (coach, player, fan) and unusual situations. A report doesn't need to be completed for a technical foul called on a player
 - Form S: Submitted by school administration of unprofessional behavior by an official
 - Player technical fouls do not need to be reported.
 - Officials have missed some easy ones on the new inbound spots, **Rule 7-5-2** through **Rule 7-5-4**. I can understand to some degree if these get messed up from time to time early in the season because this is new. If there is a foul in the front court and the offensive team isn't in the bonus, the question is was the foul called inside or outside the rocket ship?