

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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By far the greatest number of questions officials and schools have about basketball rules center around uniforms, equipment and apparel. Over the past three years the rules committee has worked to simplify the restrictions on player apparel:

- Sleeves, tights, headbands and wristbands all need to be the same color. Black, white, beige or the predominant color of the uniform. They need to be the same color for all teammates.
- Knee and ankle braces do not need to meet the color restrictions and do not need a doctor's note. A brace is defined as anything that has hinges, straps or an opening over the knee cap.
- Undershirts must be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey. Edges shall be hemmed and not ragged or frayed. Sleeves shall be the same length.

Many officials feel that it isn't their responsibility to be the "Fashion Police ". In short, as officials it is our job to enforce and carry out the rules as outlined. When officials choose not to enforce the rules it makes it that much more difficult for the next set of officials when they choose to do the right thing. Be sure to read Rule 3-5 on pages 25-27 of this year's NFHS rule book for a more comprehensive listing of team members' equipment and apparel.

This year the officials' manual outlines a pregame protocol that all officials will be using. At 12:00 minutes the referee is to go to the table and check the score book, game ball and brief the scorer and timer. With 10:00 minutes on the clock the remaining official(s) go across the floor to join the referee. If working a three person crew the U1 and U2 get the respective head coaches and team captains and meet the referee in front of the scorer's table where the referee shall conduct the pregame briefing. If working a two person crew the umpire will get the home team coach and captains and the referee will get the visitors. After the completion of the conference the officials return to their original positions. Return to the scorer's table for introductions and the national Anthem with 2:00 minutes remaining on the clock. The manual states that if both teams return to their dressing rooms the officials may leave the court and come back out when the teams return. This is not mandatory and is the choice of the officials. If you do leave the court you must be sure to return when the first team comes back on the floor. The protocol is outlined on the OSAA website and can be found here:

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/bbx/BXBOfficialsPregameProtocol.pdf>

Play of the Day

Situation: White scores and blue asks for a time-out. When resuming play where is the ball administered for the throw in?

Ruling: The ball may be put in play anywhere along the base line. In short, if the in bounding team asks for the ball in the corner, give it to them there and they are free to run the baseline.

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