

March 29, 2017

## 2017 OFFICIAL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommend basketball officials use two-hand mechanics when reporting fouls to the table.  
**Motion Passed 8 – 0**  
**RATIONALE – To reduce the numbers of errors and improve the efficiency of foul reporting. Two handed foul reporting seems to be easier for the officials to report and easier for the scorekeeper to read and interpret. This would allow foul reporting to be consistent with all levels of basketball, especially with the number of officials who officiate at both the High School and Collegiate level.**
2. Recommend a change in the Officials Rating System. Coaches will rate officials in five categories (defined). Each category will be scored on a 1 thru 5 rating (1 = Excellent, 5 = Needs Improvement). Any area that is given a 5 rating would require a “please explain” pop-up box. **Motion passed 8 – 0**  
**RATIONALE – Currently the rating system allows coaches to select one number that rates the officials overall performance (1 = State level official, 5 = Should NOT be officiating). In addition, there are six categories that coaches are encouraged to complete, which is designed to assist the officials in their understanding of strengths and weaknesses. These six categories are not related to their rating number given by the coaches, and therefore, can be somewhat confusing to the officials when trying to compare the rating to the categories. Officials want more accurate feedback on their ratings. This process would require the coaches to evaluate an official in each of the five categories (defined), giving them the ability to express their opinion on the performance of each official. The overall rating number the official will be the mathematical result of the five category average.**
- \*\*\*\* 3. Recommend ~~Volleyball~~ all sports preseason interschool scrimmage (encouraged) jamborees to be used as an option for ~~Volleyball~~ Mechanics Clinics. **Motion passed 6 –0**  
**RATIONALE – Volleyball jamborees are structured to be a good opportunity for mechanics clinics to be performed. The desire is to get more “court time” incorporated into the Volleyball Mechanics Clinics.**
4. Recommend Baseball Umpire Uniforms (Shirts) changed from navy blue to black. 2017-18 school year – Black Shirt & black hat, with blue shirt & blue hat still being an option (Partners MUST match with each other). 2018-19 school year – Mandatory black shirt & black hat.  
**Motion passed 6 – 0**  
**RATIONALE – All other levels of Baseball umpires wear black (MLB, College, Summer leagues). Most surrounding States wear black. Most Baseball umpires already have a black uniform because of other leagues that they umpire in.**

\* Denied

\*\* Tabled for further study

\*\*\*\* Approved as amended

\*\*\*\*\* No Action

All others approved