

# NFHS Basketball

Rule 2:

Officials and Their Duties

# Basketball Official



# Duties Overview

- Games are officiated with 2 or three officials
- One official—Referee: He will toss the ball to begin game or designate someone to toss
- Other official/officials is/are umpire(s)
- Umpires have limited pregame duties—count team's players. If two-person crew, count visiting team. If three person crew, U1 counts home, U2 counts visitor.
- Referee also approves equipment, designates official timer and scorer
- Referee makes sure teams are notified the game and half are to begin
- Referee conducts pregame conferences

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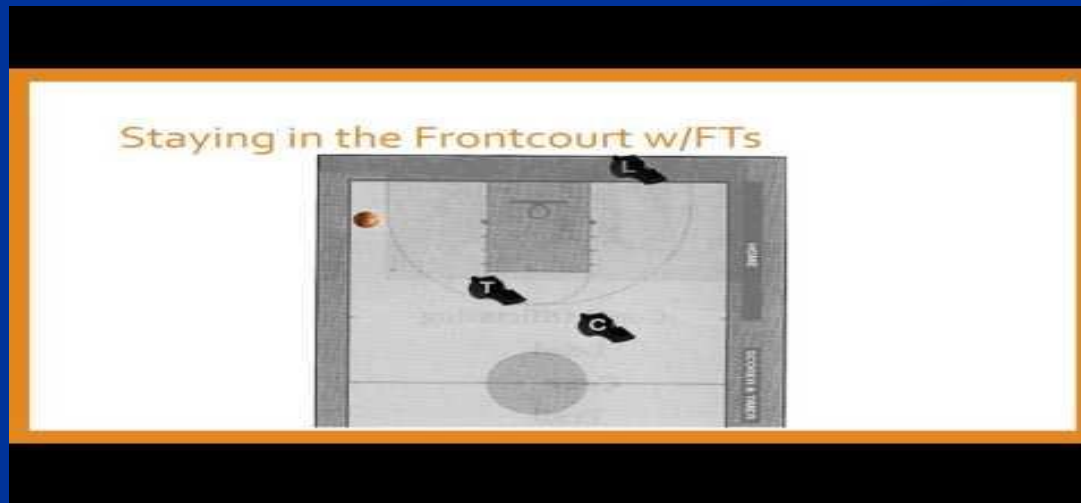
- Officials make decisions on infractions of the rules
- Referee conducts Pregame conferences with crew, captains, and coaches—emphasize sportsmanship
- Referee duties also include: Administer the alternating possession throw in to begin each quarter
- Referee is the only official who can forfeit a game
- Referee Checks/approves score at end of each half

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- Referee keeps track of possession arrow, assures it is going in correct direction
- Referee decides if shot was taken before horn sounds
- Officials' Jurisdiction ends when they leave the visual confines of the playing area
- **Officials Report a team warning for head coach/bench personnel misconduct**
- Officials should Immediately remove a player exhibiting signs of a concussion

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- Officials Signaling Fouls
  - Verbally Inform the offender/fouler
  - Signal to scorer with Two (2) hands the number of the offender and amount of fouls



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- Officials Signaling When Team is Entitled to a Throw In
  - Signal to Stop the Clock
  - Signal the Act that caused the ball to become dead
  - Display Direction of the play and announce the team color entitled to the throw in
  - Signal the throw in spot

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- Correctable Errors—do not want them to happen, but they sometimes do occur
  - 1. Failure to award a merited free throw
  - 2. Awarding an unmerited free throw
  - 3. Permitting a wrong player to attempt a free throw
  - 4. Attempting a free Throw at the wrong basket
  - 5. Erroneously counting or cancelling a score



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- Correctable Errors (cont.)
  - Time limits exist for fixing a correctable error
  - Must be recognized during the first dead ball after the clock has started
  - If it is a scoring error (Correctable Error 5) it must be corrected before the second live ball

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- Correctable Errors (Cont.)
  - If the error is Free throw related, the free throws and the activities during it are cancelled, unless it is unsporting, flagrant, intentional, or technical.
  - Resume play from the point of interruption, unless it is to award a merited free throw and there has been no change in team possession. If this is the case, the merited free throws are attempted by the proper player with the lane occupied

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