

Connecticut State Board of Approved Basketball Officials

Interpreters Bulletin

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Interpretation Meetings

Board 6 – Wednesday, October 15th @ 7:00 pm,
Glastonbury HS

Board 7 – Thursday, October 23rd @ 6:30 pm,
Fairview Farms Golf Course, Harwinton

Board 8 – Wednesday, November 25th @ 6:30 pm,
St. Bernard HS, Uncasville

Board 9 – Thursday, October 30th @ 6:30 pm,
Bunnell HS, Stratford

Board 10 – Sunday, October 19th @ 8:00 am,
Lyman Hall HS, Wallingford

Board 35 – Monday, October 27th @ 6:00 pm,
Killingly HS, Dayville

A message from State Interpreter Charlene Shepard:

IAABO has established itself as a global leader in the recruitment and professional development of basketball officials. Its mission is to educate, train, develop, and provide ongoing instruction to officials within the sport. Accordingly, each Connecticut Rule Interpreter is responsible for conveying IAABO's commitment to **“One Rule, One Interpretation, One Set of Approved Mechanics”**. In alignment with this standard, all officials are required to apply the rules as written, uphold points of emphasis, and promote good sportsmanship during every contest. As Interpreters, we are dedicated to offering high-quality training and educational opportunities that enable each official to perform at their highest level throughout the season.

Rule Changes & Points of Emphasis

- 1. Players become Bench Personnel** – All players who are on the court when a timeout is granted become BENCH PERSONNEL for the duration of the time out. The key impact of this ruling: if a player commits an UNSPORTING TECHNICAL FOUL during a time-out, they are charged directly, and the Head Coach also receives an INDIRECT technical foul. This accountability mirrors existing rules that hold coaches responsible for the behavior of substitutes and other bench personnel.
- 2. Free Throw Administration** – After placing the ball at the disposal of the free throw shooter, the LEAD official will signal the number of free throws to the scorer, using their TABLESIDE hand.
- 3. Throw-in Spots** - When a team is awarded a designated-spot throw-in, the applicable throw-in spot (in both the frontcourt and backcourt) is determined based on where the violation, foul or other stoppage occurred in relation to the three-point arc, as follows:
 - A) Any stoppage that occurs on or inside the three-point arc is administered at the nearer of the two end-line throw-in spots, 3' outside the lane lines**
 - B) Any stoppage that occurs outside the three-point arc is administered at the nearer of the two sideline throw-in spots, 28' from the end line****Backcourt throw-ins (Co2 and Co3)** - If there is no defensive pressure and the Trail official is on the opposite side of the basketline from the throw-in spot, the administering official may bounce the ball across the lane to the thrower
- 4. Intentional Fouls at the End of the Game** - If a player contacts an opponent without making a LEGITIMATE attempt on the ball or opponent then the contact should be ruled as INTENTIONAL
- 5. Faking being fouled (By a shooter)** - When a jump shooter fakes being fouled after the release of the try, there is no team control when the infraction occurs. When an infraction occurs, the official should withhold the whistle and display the faking signal.
 - A) If the try is successful:**
 - The goal counts.
 - The official reports the warning to the scorer and the head coach.
 - Play is resumed at the point of interruption. The opponents are awarded a throw-in with the privilege of moving along the end line.

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