

MASSACHUSETTS STATE BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

POST GAME HANDSHAKE MECHANICS ---DECEMBER 12, 2008

IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT COURT RULING, THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED MECHANIC WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR MIAA SPONSORED BASKETBALL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THIS MECHANIC IS BASED ON THE MIAA'S "SUGGESTED PROTOCOL" FOR THE PGHS FOR IMPLEMENTATION DURING THE 2008-2009 SEASON.

If any of the following events happen:

1. One or more unsporting or flagrant foul is committed;
2. A spectator or other unauthorized person enters the court at any time before, during or after the game;
3. A spectator or team personnel interrupts the game, or interferes with the administration of the game;
4. A serious injury occurs before, during or after the game.
5. You are not greeted by a Site Manager upon your arrival; or if the site manager does not provide you with information as to his or her designated location during the post game handshake; or does not inform you of the plan for exiting the court following the ceremony;
6. The Site Manager does not cause the suggested announcement be made prior to the end of the game (venues with a P.A. system only);
7. Any other actions evidencing lack of proper and appropriate venue administration; including but not limited to where the home school does not fulfill the protocol responsibilities.

Then, *officials will cancel their participation in the PGHS and exit the court immediately following the final buzzer and after approving the final score.*

All officials should forward to the Board Secretary or other designated officer a written report of circumstances where a school does not fulfill its responsibilities regarding the PGHS.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES PER MIAA:

1. If officials do not stay, MIAA Protocol requires the referee to contact the assignor within 24 hours.
2. MIAA regulations provide as follows: "When the referee either signs the scorebook following the game, or when a non-verbal confirmation is exchanged between the referee and the official scorer, the score is then final and considered approved." Thus, the post-game handshake will never impact the final score.
3. MIAA Sportsmanship Rule 49.8 states- "Fighting and unsportsmanlike conduct penalties will be within the authority of the official at all times at the contest site. The official's authority extends to pre and post game oversight." Implementation of this rule could have future consequences on the offender, but does not affect the final score.
4. Reporting requirements regarding PGHS actions which would normally be penalized with a Technical Foul are reported to the Site Manager.