

Colorado High School Basketball Association

Guide for New Officials In the Boulder-Longmont Area 9 2009 - 2010 Season

Welcome:

Welcome to high school basketball officiating. This guide has been designed to assist the new official to become acquainted with the general organization of high school basketball and more specifically, the organization of high school basketball within the Boulder/Longmont area. The Area Directors for Area 9 Tim Newman and Bob Olds along with instructor Lloyd Martinez wish you much success in officiating. We are here to assist, answer questions, and clarify how the system works. When entering officiating, whether this is your first sport or one of many, each official has his or her own expectations. Perhaps you just want to officiate some games close to home or maybe you want to rise above high school and officiate college games. The goals lay in your hands. This guide has been designed to ease your entry into this world of officiating.

Rules Classes:

Rule classes taught by Lloyd Martinez will begin on 8-25-09 the fee to take the class is \$75.00 which covers room use, books, and materials. Each of the ten rules of high school basketball is covered in depth. Usually, one rule per week is taught with classes scheduled every week for 10 consecutive weeks. Take home tests are given that prepare you for the IAABO (International Association of Approved Basketball Officials) test. The IAABO test is given at the end of the set of classes on Monday, 11/02/2009. Below is the information for this year's classes:

Cost: \$75.00 Pay at walk-up registration
Location: Life bridge Christian Church
10345 Ute Highway, Longmont, Colorado

Class Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Class Dates:

Tuesday August 25, 2009
Tuesday, September 1, 2009
Tuesday September 8, 2009
Tuesday September 15, 2009
Tuesday September 22, 2009
Tuesday September 29, 2009
Tuesday, October, 6, 2009
Tuesday, October, 13, 2009
Tuesday October, 20, 2009
Tuesday October, 27, 2009
Monday, November, 2, 2009 Test Night

Test Information: Monday November 2, 2009 7:00pm American Legion - \$60:00 At the end of the class's sessions, the test to become eligible to be a high school basketball official will be administered. There are four status levels that can be achieved based on your test score. Certified (100 - 86%), Provisional (85 - 76%), Trainee (75 - 60%), and Failed (<50%). Certified individuals are eligible to officiate any level high school game. These individuals will purchase certification patches (\$7.00 each) to wear on their shirts. Provisional and Trainee level officials may officiate any lower level games (junior varsity and third level). Provisional officials are invited to retake the test in March. Trainee officials must wait until the following

November to retake the test. Individuals who failed are not eligible to officiate high school basketball games and they forfeit the test fee. Below is the information for the IAABO test:

Cost: \$60:00: Non-refundable. Pay at walk-up registration (This pays for the first year's dues into the Colorado Board 4 High School Basketball Association. This is a yearly fee to maintain registration.)

Location: American legion hall 315 S Bowen Longmont Colo

Test Time:7:00pm

Test Date: Monday, November 2, 2009

Note: Immediately after the test assignors are present to begin assigning lower level games (junior varsity, third level, and freshman)

Master Clinic:

Before the officiating season starts there is a Master Clinic designed to cover rule changes, points of emphasis, guest speakers, mechanics stations, purchase uniforms items, and provide an opportunity to visit socialize with your fellow officials. It is now mandatory that registered officials attend one Master Clinic every other year. Assignors are there to distribute game assignments so be sure to bring your schedules and/or planners

Denver Master Clinic

Cost: Free

Location: Thomas Jefferson High School

Date-Time 11/1/09: 9AM-12:00PM

Northern Master clinic

Cost -Free

Location: Valley High School (Gilcrest ,Co)

Date-Time 11/15/09 9: AM-12:00PM

Floor Mechanics Classes:

The Floor Mechanics classes are weekend long sessions designed for the new and novice officials. Now that you have taken the written rules test, it is time to emphasize positioning on the court, mechanics of calling the game, application of the rules, and philosophy of game management.

Denver Floor Clinic

Cost-TBA

Date- 10-2-09 and 10-3-09

Location- TBA

Northern Floor Clinic:

Cost: Free

Date; 11-20-09 and 11-21-09

Location- Longmont High School and Skyline High School

Assignors' Information:

Each league (ex. Jefferson County, Centennial, Continental, Denver Prep, etc.) has it's own assignor. Within the Denver Metro Area alone there are ten major leagues. There are numerous leagues on the Northern Area which has it's own assignors. It is important to get to know who the league assignors are and what schools they assign for. Many of the assignors are presently officiating or are former officials. Please check the Area 9 web site www.area9officials.org for contact information.

The Mentor Program:

This voluntary program for new through third year officials matches up a new official (the mentee) with a seasoned veteran official (the mentor). As a mentee, you will get "one on one" instruction from your mentor on court situations, mechanics, positioning, and game management. Your mentor will also guide you concerning the issues of politics and strategies in managing the world of basketball officiating. The mentor program opens the door for mentees who are willing to take the extra steps to becoming a better official. One of the unexpected aspects of officiating is the opportunity to build long lasting friendships with other officials. Please contact Shelly Thompson at 303-516-1088 for more information.

Officials' Information - The Handbook:

All new certified and provisional officials will receive the basketball handbook within approximately one month after the test date. The handbook includes a list of names and numbers of all certified officials in the state. It also contains our governing rules and regulations, code of ethics, list of officers, important dates, and information for handling unusual situations such as ejections and technical fouls on coaches. Keep the handbook with you whenever you travel.

Uniforms:

There are a number of local and national outlets for purchasing officiating uniforms and equipment. Pride yourself on your appearance. You are representing our association at a public event.

Local vendors: All-4-U-Official; Contact: Leroy and Laurie Mekelburg 303-280-1870

National vendors: Honig's Whistle Stop 1-800-666-7827 see the area 9 web site for more.

On Game Day:

Finally, it is game day! But there are several items that need to be done before game day. First, contact your partner a week in advance of every game you officiate. Many officials make their calls on Sunday night. However, if your game is Monday and there is a conflict you will have very little time to make adjustments. When you contact your partner, verify game location, game time, game date, and expected arrival time. Pack your uniform bag ahead of time. Many officials carry a spare uniform just in case.

Arrive at the game site one-hour before game time. This leaves plenty of time if traffic or weather impairs your drive.

Locate the Game Manager and introduce yourself to him or her. That individual is in charge of the event. The Game Manager will show you to the location of the officials' dressing room.

Pick up a team roster. Not only are the players listed but also the coaches, athletic directors, and administrators of each school. You may have to report an incident that occurred during the game you are officiating. It is very helpful in knowing names of individuals when reporting an incident.

Locate your partner. Determine who will referee and who will umpire. Complete a thorough pre-game. Dress into your uniform. Enter the court and leave the court together. You are the third team and teamwork is necessary.

At the end of the game, complete a post-game evaluation. Discuss game events that occurred and your management of the game situations. Were there any events that warranted follow-up action? If there are veteran officials who observed your game, ask them for feedback on your officiating.

Finally, shower and dress for your trip home. Leave the dressing room as you found it when you arrived.

Season Meeting Dates and Locations:

During the season there are a number of meetings you must attend. There are meetings scheduled twice a month and you are expected to attend at least one of these every month. Do not overbook yourself. Missing the monthly meetings because you are officiating is not a legitimate excuse. This year's meeting types, dates, times, and locations:

Area 9 Meetings: All Meetings at The American Legion 315 Bowen st

Monday November 2	Test Night Veterans@ 6:00pm New officials@ 7:00pm
Monday November 16	Regular meeting @7pm
Monday December 7	Regular meeting @7pm
Monday December 21	Regular meeting @7pm
Monday January 4	Regular meeting @7pm
Monday January 18	Regular meeting @7pm
Monday February 1	Regional meeting @7pm @ Mtn View High School (Loveland)
Monday February 15	Regular meeting @7pm

Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) Information:

CHSAA is the governing body of all sports and activities in the state. Each association (whether it is basketball, football, track, band, forensics, cheers, etc) is a member of CHSAA. CHSAA approves all fee changes and is responsible in the final selection of officials assigned to regional and state games. CHSAA maintains information on all officials including contact information and due payment status and publishes our Handbook. The general telephone number for CHSAA is 303-344-5050 or E-mail @ www.chsaa.org

Off-season Information:

After the last buzzer end the final game at the CU Events Center in early March, the official basketball season ends. Within a few weeks in early April, the basketball season begins again! There are a few spring high school leagues where high school coaches are in need of officials. When the school year ends, there are many summer leagues starting up. More importantly, there are a number of local and travel-to officiating camps. These are opportunities for you to hear a number of officials talk about officiating, officiate games and be critiqued. It is often said that one camp is worth two or three years of experience.

"Dave Hall Officiating Camp" Contact: Dave Hall Time: Summer Locations: Laramie, WY, Fort Collins, CO and Utah

"Rise to the Top" Contact: Dale Velichkoff 303-982-6636 or Hal Weizman 303-355-2823 Time: end of June Location: Gold Crown Facility

"IAABO Camp" Time and location TBD

NOTE: There are additional camps in the Denver area and other national locations. See the web site for more info

Scholarships:

Attending camp can be expensive, especially if one has to travel out of town to attend a camp. There are a number of opportunities to receive a scholarship that assists officials in attending a camp. Please contact one of the Area Directors who will assist you concerning this matter.

Websites:

There are a number of Websites that contain important information. Here is a brief description of each:

AREA 9 BASKETBALL This is the website for the Boulder/Longmont area.
www.area9officials.org

CHSAA this is the site of the Colorado High School Activities Association www.chsaa.org

Contacts:

The Area Directors for Boulder/Longmont are the important link for you to high school basketball officiating. We are here to assist you in any way we can. Please call on us for further information. We feel that this guide opens the door for your basketball officiating experience. We wish you well as a new official and welcome you to our association.

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