



Officials' Duties For Basketball: Referees and Scorekeepers/Timers

REFEREE:

1. Become familiar with the current rulebook and any rule changes, reviewing the rules as often as necessary. Authority and responsibilities of the officials are outlined in NFHS Basketball Rules Book rule 2.
2. Look the part of an official. The official's uniform shall be a black and white striped shirt, black pant, shoes and socks (rule 2-1-1). Conduct yourself in a friendly and professional manner.
3. Report to your assigned game **20 minutes** early. Check in with the tournament representative. Ask about any unusual ground rules for that particular location.
4. Locate the other official. Have a short pre-game conference to clarify specific duties. Discuss how you can best work together as a team throughout the game.
5. Introduce yourself to the scorekeepers, timer, coaches, and team captains. Answer any questions.
6. Keep the game moving along as quickly as possible. In tournament play, there are many games and the schedule is usually very tight.

SCOREKEEPER/TIMER:

1. Become familiar with the current rulebook and any rule changes, reviewing the rules as often as necessary. Authority and responsibilities of the officials are outlined in NFHS Basketball Rules Book rule 2. Pay particular attention to knowing the hand signals so you can be accurate on the score sheet, scoreboard and clock.
2. Report to your assigned game **20 minutes** early. Check in with the tournament representatives. They will provide you with score sheets, pencils, scoreboard/working clock, possession arrow, stopwatch for time outs, and any other information you may need.
3. Record the line-ups onto the score sheet. (Line-ups should be checked against the Team Roster.) It is recommended the team member's numbers be entered on the score sheet in numerical order (rule 2-11-1note).
4. Start or stop the clock when the officials signal to do so. If the official neglects to signal, the timer is authorized to start the clock when the ball touches or is touched by a player on the court (rule 5-9).
5. Sound a warning signal **15 seconds before** the expiration of an intermission or a time-out and signal again at the end of the intermission of time-out. (rule 2-12-4).
6. At the conclusion of game, return the score sheet and line-ups to the tournament folder.