



TO: Board #194 Officials
FROM: Lou DeGeorge, Interpreter
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RE: Pre-Christmas Observations

First of all, I want to wish everyone and their families for a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

In the first week of the season I have observed a few games and have been disappointed in some of the rules violations that I have seen

Please read the following situations and refer to the rule references, in order to make sure ALL officials, no matter what level, are on the same page and that we are very consistent in enforcing the rules as written and interpreted.

1. Tallest player on Mater Dei varsity boys (don't know number or name) wears illegal full leg tights. White in front then a great deal of blue designs on the back. Remember, tights are legal but they must be a solid color. The permissible colors are: white, beige, black or the predominant color of the game jersey. If this person wears other items such as: headband, arm sleeves, leg sleeves, etc. they all have to be the same color. If any team mates have these items on, they all must match each other's colors.
Review Rules 3-5-3 & 3-5-4
2. CBA vs. Manalapan boys JV game. White game jerseys, two players with black undershirts. This is a little different than the permissible colors in #1. Undershirts must be a single solid color similar to the torso of the game jersey. **Review Rule 3-5-6.** Same game, one team mate had a black leg sleeve and another had on a white one. As stated in situation #1, both team mates must have the same color leg sleeves. **See rule stated in #1.**
3. RBC boys varsity, 3 players, one wearing a black leg sleeve, one a white sleeve, and the third wearing a green sleeve. I was told the official said the player wearing the green sleeve could not wear it but the other two were OK. Once again, all must wear the same legal color.
4. **Fans** interfering with throw-ins. This has occurred at CBA and Monsignor Donovan, where the spectators (mainly student fans) are very close to the end lines and sidelines. There is baiting and taunting towards the opponents and outside of actual contact, they are very close to the thrower. This should not be allowed. It interferes with the administration of the throw-in. Request that they stop this behavior; ask for assistants from security personnel and/or coach. If they refuse to comply, you can always assess an unsporting technical foul. Review the schools that you are working at and determine where you may need assistance in this area. **Do not let it happen.** Don't get this confused with the new rule about non-playing personnel behind the end line, within the width of the free throw lane lines. Rule 1-20.
5. **Brace:** In order for a knee brace to not have to meet the color requirements of a leg sleeve, it must have an insert embedded to support the knee and be for a medical purpose. Just because the player says it is for a medical purpose, if it doesn't meet the criteria, it is considered a sleeve. He/she must purchase something that complies with the rule. **Rule 3-5-3-Note.**
6. **Intentional foul:** If you rule an intentional foul by B-1 on A-1, who is in the act of shooting and the ball enters the basket. The ruling is: Count the basket by A-1; clear the marked lane spaces; give A-1 2 free throws for the intentional foul; then give team A the ball for a throw-in at a spot nearest to where the foul occurred.

I thank you in advance for your attention to these items. Once again, have a joyous holiday season.

