



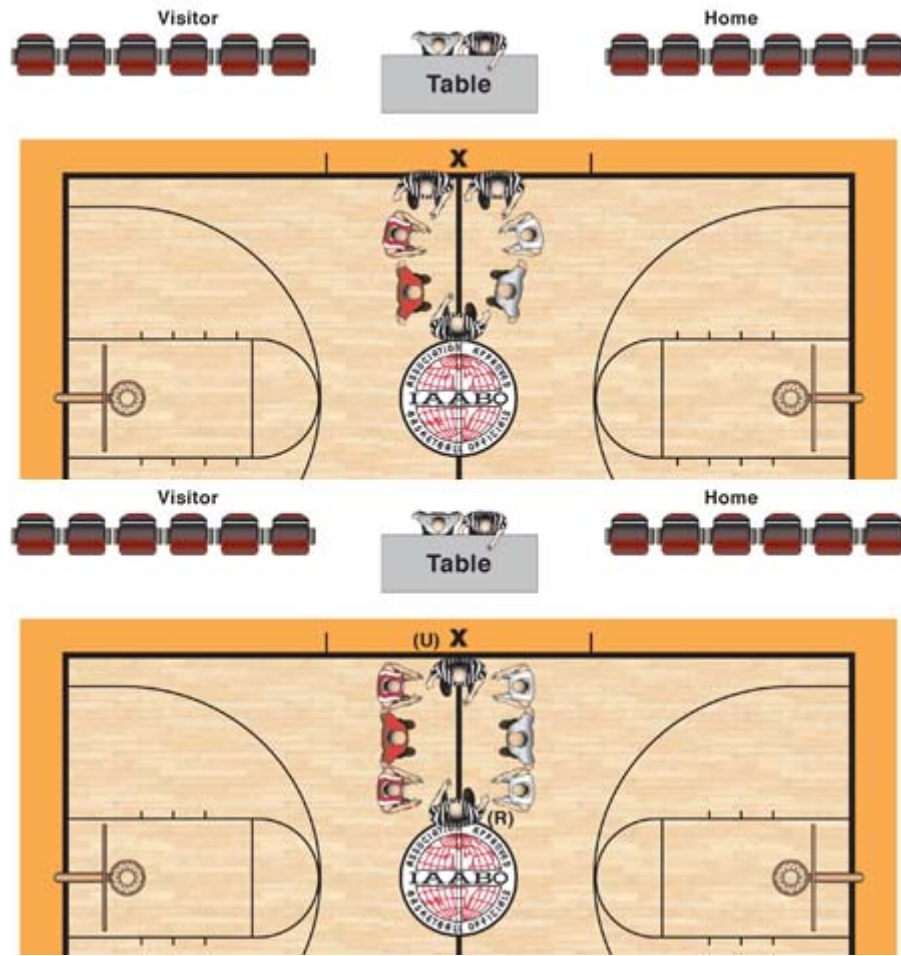
# IAABO

## Inside the Lines

[WWW.IAABO-GEAR.COM](http://WWW.IAABO-GEAR.COM)



Just in time for the holidays, we have launched a new website with IAABO gear. The website address is: [www.iaabo-gear.com](http://www.iaabo-gear.com) Order now and receive the items in time for the upcoming holidays. The gear consists of items from Cutter & Buck, Nike and other top of the line manufacturers.



## Coaches & Captains Pregame Meeting

Our IAABO manual (Crew of Two, pg 11 & Crew of Three, pg 98) provides guidance on when, where and how to conduct a pregame meeting between the opposing head coaches, the team captains, and the game officials. It is an important opportunity to set the tone of the contest and to address some essential rule related requirements.

After brief introductions of all participants, Rule 2-4-5 states that as part of the Referee's pregame duties, s/he must verify with the head coach, prior to the contest that:

1. his/her team members' uniforms and equipment are legal;
2. the uniforms and equipment will be worn properly; and
3. all participants will exhibit proper sporting behavior throughout the contest.

An affirmative response to each of the statements above is required. Additionally, IAABO strongly suggests that the Referee inquire as to whether the home team has an "appropriate health care professional" covering the game. This person, if available, will make the determination on a player's ability to return to play (if allowed by your state) in the event a player is removed from the game due

to exhibiting “signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion.” (Rule 3-3-8). States have varying guidelines/laws related to concussion protocols, so it’s imperative that all officials are aware of your state regulations.

Once these items are covered, it’s a great time to ask if there are any questions? If there are reasonable ones e.g. things that address new rules or questions about the playing environment, then ask succinctly using rule book terminology. Do not get drawn into a “how are you going to call hand-checking tonight?” If there are no questions, wish both teams good luck and return to your pregame positions on the court. This entire exchange should be brief but will establish the guidelines for the rest of the game.

## *Congratulations*

The winner of this week's prize is Rich Mohrmann of Board 173. Rich is from Hazelwood, Missouri. Rich will be received a prize in the mail from IAABO, Inc. A special thanks to everyone who participated.



Click [here](#) to view the IAABO Play of the Week No. 7. At the end of the video, you will need to click on the link shown below to access the survey question. In addition, all IAABO Plays of the Week are archived at [www.iaabo.org](http://www.iaabo.org).

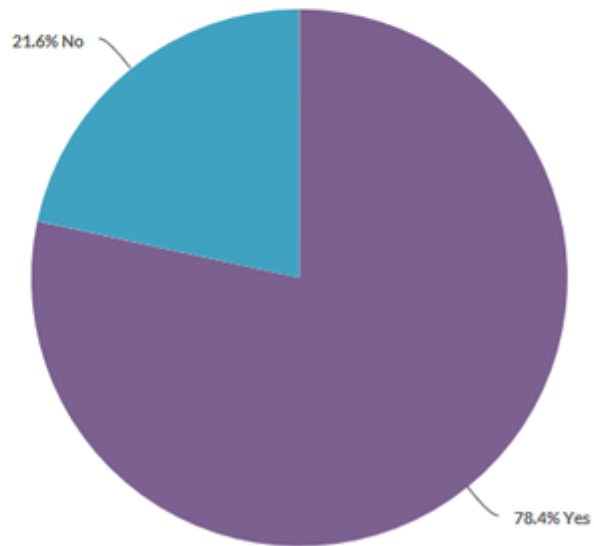
Click [here](#) to answer a survey to ensure that you have an accurate ruling. Once you submit your answer, you will receive a response with IAABO's point of view on this play



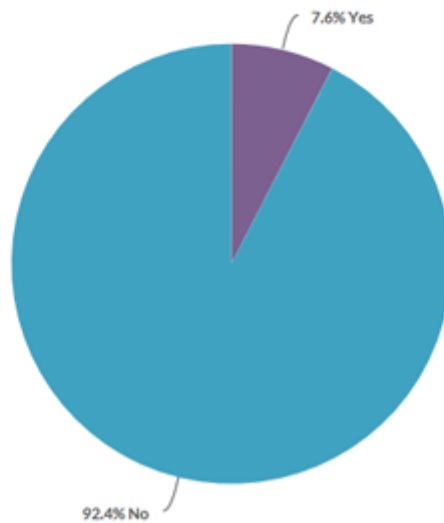
## *Play of the Week*

The results from last week's Play of the Week No. 6 are shown below.

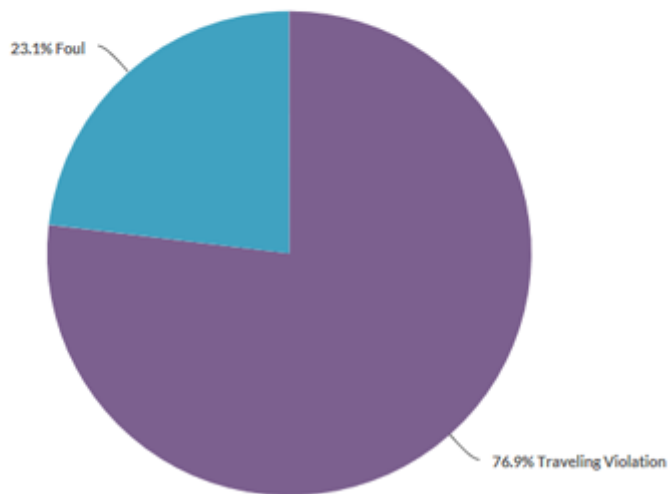
1. Did the ball handler travel as he split the defenders when moving toward the basket?



2. When he made the call, were you able to determine the type of foul the official ruled and how play would be resumed?



3. Do you think the correct ruling on this play should have been a traveling violation or a foul?



## “Things I NEVER Learned from the Rules Book”

In this issue IAABO is unveiling a new feature entitled: "Things I Never Learned from Reading the Rulebook". IAABO staff hopes this will become a regular addition to this publication. This issue's contributions were submitted by Larry Machione, IAABO Board #208 MA, Interpreter and are meant to add some levity to our rules knowledge as the new season approaches

#1 **ALWAYS** wear some type of BLACK undergarment. This will help to lessen the embarrassment when you split your pants, your zipper breaks or you failed to check the seams and a hole already exist.

#2 **ALWAYS** check that the zipper on your pants is properly closed before leaving the changing room. Most of us check that we have a whistle (whether we use it or not) but we should all check that the zipper is up and closed. If not refer to #1.

#3 **ALWAYS** have a spare pair of Black shoe laces that fit the shoes you have with you. If you have not learned this by now let me be the first to tell you "shoe laces never break at a good time".

It is our hope that other IAABO members will send us things that they have learned that is not contained in the Rulebook. Anyone who submits information that is chosen for publication will have their choice of an autograph photo of Tom Lopes (picture frame not included) or 2 complimentary tickets for the Hospitality Room at the next IAABO convention. Please send any additional thoughts to Donnie Eppley @ [eppleyd@comcast.net](mailto:eppleyd@comcast.net).

## Handbook Addendum



In our constant endeavor to update our Handbook and Officiating Manuals, we have come across an error on page two of the handbook. Under IAABO uniform (1) it should read Long black slacks, (belt less slacks and non tapered are preferred)



**2017-18 NFHS Basketball Case Book Alteration – 10.5.1 SITUATION B:** At halftime, as the teams, coaches and officials are making their way through a hallway to the dressing room, a Team A member verbally abuses one of the officials. **RULING:** The official must decide if the offense is major. Under 4-48, if not deemed to be major and neither a warning nor technical

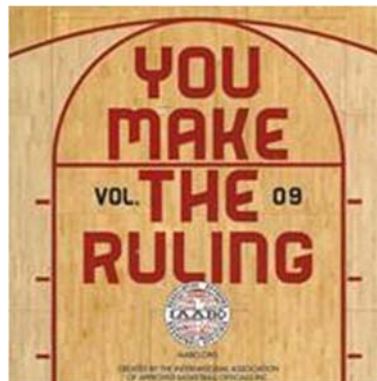
has been charged (direct or indirect) to the head coach, the bench personnel could be issued a warning. If a warning is ruled, this would be reported to both teams and recorded in the scorebook. If the official deems the offense to be major then a technical foul should be charged to the team member and indirectly to the head coach who loses coaching box privileges. The third quarter should begin with the opposing team shooting two free throws and being awarded the ball at the division line for a throw-in.

## **IAABO Foundation Raffle Underway (Cash Option Available)**



Help support the IAABO Charitable & Education Foundation by purchasing a raffle ticket to win this beautiful 2018 Nissan Rogue. Tickets are \$100.00 and can be purchased at the upcoming Fall Seminar in Delaware. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting IAABO Past President and Foundation Trustee Peter Carroll, who is the Raffle Chairperson, directly at: [commishbd@aol.com](mailto:commishbd@aol.com)

You can also purchase a ticket by contacting any other IAABO Foundation Trustee or IAABO Inc. Executive Committee member. Note: A maximum of 1,000 tickets can be sold. The drawing date for the car will be April 28, 2018. The winner may elect the cash option.



**You Make the Ruling** – Volume 9 is available by contacting Kelly Callahan @ [mkcallahan@aol.com](mailto:mkcallahan@aol.com). The cost for IAABO members is \$14.95. Board Interpreters who have not received their FREE copy of the DVD should contact Donnie Eppley @ [eppleyd@comcast.net](mailto:eppleyd@comcast.net) and a copy will be forwarded to you immediately.



## Logo Contest – IAABO Supporting the Armed Forces



IAABO would like to develop a lapel pin to recognize our members that have served or are serving in the Armed Forces. The lapel pin is designed to be worn on a suit jacket or maybe even your black officiating jacket. We are having a logo contest that will run through Friday, December 15, 2017. Please email your suggested logo to Donnie Eppley@ [eppleyd@comcast.net](mailto:eppleyd@comcast.net).



The new 2017 version is now available for the 1-month promotion which provides access now thru December 15. The 1-month subscription is \$10, users who want to continue using the tool for a full year will have a chance to apply the cost to an annual subscription at the end of the promotion. Future renewals of annual subscriptions, with new questions and updated rules/references, are \$6 each year.

To sign up, go to: [www.ruleboxsoftware.com/iaabo.aspx](http://www.ruleboxsoftware.com/iaabo.aspx)

For individuals, click on Sign Up Now! and select the International Version.

For board bulk purchases, click on Board Purchases and sign in using your board administrative account. Note that this process can't be used directly to receive the promotional price, but boards can complete this process and then email us to apply the promotional discount as a credit adjustment.

## **Special Pre-Season Advisory for ALL IAABO Officials Student/Atheletes/Coach National Anthem Postures**

As preparations for a new season are underway, sports officials are dealing with many challenges, some familiar, some new. All require IAABO Boards and officials to pay special attention to several areas where legal exposures are present; and where legal rights need to be asserted by officials. All officials should bear in mind that incorrect handling of the situations discussed below can result in significant legal and personal consequences. Please request that local boards review each of the following five areas of concern with all officials prior to the beginning of the season. If there are remaining questions, please contact the IAABO office.

**1. Student-Athlete/Coach National Anthem Postures.**

Media reports from various areas have recounted several instances where high school game officials have reacted publicly to student-athletes and/or coaches kneeling in silent protest during the playing of the national anthem before a game. This fall, it was reported that two officials, at a pre-match meeting with coaches threatened to disqualify any players who did not demonstrate respect for the American flag or the national anthem. In another instance, an official observed a player kneeling during the anthem and proceeded to advise a coach that he was leaving the gym. In yet another game, after witnessing players kneeling during the anthem two officials left the field, leaving the 3 remaining officials, — allegedly not without verbalizing his objection to kneeling players and their coach. After the game, the media reported that the coach claimed that, before the game the Referee requested — on behalf of the officiating crew — that any player who might kneel remain in the locker room “to avoid any problems.” After the game, one of the departed officials eagerly gave media interviews where he was reported to have said the chain officials who were called off the sidelines to replace the two officials “...weren’t officially trained,” and added that if the kneeling players “weren’t happy in the U.S., they should leave the country.”.....Click [here](#) to review the remainder of the advisory.



**Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics DVDs.** – Crew of Two and Crew of Three Mechanics DVDs are available by contacting Kelly Callahan @ [tmkcallahan@aol.com](mailto:tmkcallahan@aol.com).

## **IAABO Spring Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland**



The IAABO Spring Meeting will take place in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland. Reservations are now open for the Holiday Inn in Ocean City, MD April 19-22, 2018, by calling 410-524-1600 (ask for the IAABO rate ---Rates are \$99 for Wed, and Thursday, \$149 Friday and Saturday). Meeting highlights include the Life Membership Luncheon, committee meetings, elections, an awards program and the annual golf outing.

## Directors & Officers Insurance Quick Facts

D&O Liability provides protection from lawsuits alleging damages against not only your board's officers, but also member officials of your IAABO Board. It provides coverage against such claims as: discrimination, harassment, financial mismanagement, wrongful suspension of officials, and wrongful dismissal of officials. Without D&O insurance, board members can be held personally liable with their own personal assets at risk to pay for defense costs in the event of a lawsuit. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [estanton@bordenperلمان.com](mailto:estanton@bordenperلمان.com)

## Game Tracker Journal

You have likely heard the saying, *"a goal without a plan is just a wish,"* and this age-old adage rings so true for all people pursuing all types of endeavors.



And for basketball officials embarking on the 2017-2018 season absent a basic strategy on how to achieve a stated desire -- a better schedule; advancement to the next level -- you are in a rudderless boat on an open sea hoping the winds of fate blow you to your destination.

Seeking officiating success described in this manner seems laughable, but yet many officials take this approach with their beloved avocation.

But Ref, don't panic now...Help is on the way in the form of the new, and first of its kind, **GameTracker Journal**.

This latest publication from long time IAABO members Billy Martin, Tim Malloy and Al Battista, the creators of [Ref60.com](http://Ref60.com), is an innovative tool that provides a template for every basketball official, at every level, to create your own realistic roadmap helping to guide you to your desired destination - one game at a time.

For more information on this **GameTracker Journal** tool visit [www.Ref60.com/gametracker](http://www.Ref60.com/gametracker).

## Special Deals for IAABO Basketball Officials

### Briggs and Riley Luggage

**Briggs and Riley Luggage** - Officials will receive a 60% discount on any product. Officials must use the form which can be obtained by clicking [here](#) - There is a lifetime guaranteed on the luggage.

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