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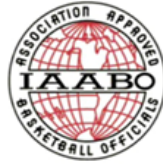
## Inside the Lines

### **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.



## *Play of the Week*

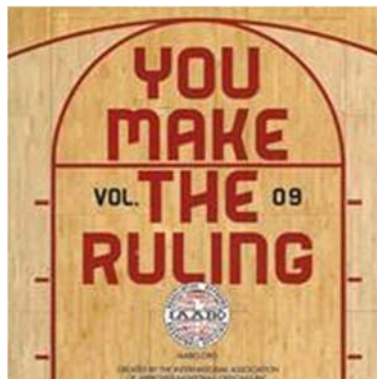
We're back!!! The weekly IAABO Video Play of the Week will be delivered directly to your inbox every Sunday night. Click [here](#) to view the play.

Click [here](#) to answer the survey questions to ensure that you have an accurate ruling.

## **Hurricane Maria**

The recent photos and news reports revealed significant damage from various hurricanes and provide a very unfortunate situation for families and children in Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands. Many families have begun to relocate to be near families living in the United States, especially along the East Coast.

**How can IAABO help?** Reports indicate that schools may not re-open for several months. With no school, there will be no athletic contests. Basketball officials, for example, living in Puerto Rico and/or the islands will have no income. It is very possible that many such individuals may relocate to the states seeking temporary residency and income. This can occur in our IAABO states. IAABO can help by not turning “deaf ears” to such individuals. Whereas, these individuals may not fit IAABO “transfer rules”, we should look to accommodate their desires and work within the IAABO rules to create membership possibilities. We encourage your state and local boards to provide assistance as appropriate. Please contact the IAABO office for advice if a situation arises.



**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.



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

## **IAABO Foundation Raffle Underway**



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

## 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).

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