



**MCOA BASKETBALL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Aug 28th, 2017**



I. Call to Order:

Called to order by Commissioner Calvin Wright at approx. 6:05 pm at the Eau Gallie H.S. Cafeteria. Middle School coaches present.

II. New Rules and Changes:

**A.** Gary Parker highlights the new rule changes: 1) The coaching box shall be extended from the 28 foot mark to the endline. This allows a coach more access to coach his/her players. 2) Officials shall use 2-hand reporting mechanics when reporting a foul. This should minimize reporting errors between officials and scorekeepers making it easier to comprehend and less confusing. 3) Warnings to a coach/team for misconduct is an administrative procedure which is recorded in the scorebook and reported to the coach. Coaches will be warned unless the offense is judged to be major, in which a technical foul shall be assessed. \*A warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul. Stopping play and making sure that the bench and coach know that an official warning has been given, sends a clear message to everyone in the gym and impacts the behavior of the coach, and in some cases the behavior of the opposing coach. This change in behavior creates a better atmosphere and should avoid the need to administer a technical foul.

**B.** Commissioner Wright goes over the Middle School rules/protocols then opens the floor up to the coaches to ask questions. Officials will exhibit some leniency on uniform colors and numbers. Officials are not involved in monitoring player participation; such as if everyone played in the game. This year Middle School goes back to a North and South division and the top 4 teams in each division advance to the playoffs. The North Champion will play the South Champion for all the marbles at Viera High School. Coaches were thanked for attending and free to depart.

III. New Payment System:

The subject of using RefPay was discussed. MCOA voted to use it, but no decision has been made if basketball officials will use it yet. There are arguments for and against using it. It is still open for debate. More to come on this topic.

IV. Administration:

**A.** The FHSAA will be using the FHSAA Central Hub section of the Arbiter for online officials' registration and testing. Testing is from Sept 18 – Oct 24.

1. Go to [www.fhsaa.arbitersports.com](http://www.fhsaa.arbitersports.com) and login with your current Arbiter login information. Note: If you have forgotten your password please contact Arbiter Support, [support@arbitersports.com](mailto:support@arbitersports.com).

2. Click on the Registration Tab.

3. Check the box next to the sport(s) that you need to register for and clickregister.

4. Welcome page will appear with items you will need to successfully complete your registration.

5. Your personal information should automatically populate.

6. Conviction Status: If yes is selection please contact FHSAA office immediately, [352\) 372-9551 ext. 290](tel:3523729551) or 300, to provide your Jessica Lunsford Act documentation.

7. JLA (Jessica Lunsford Act) Badge Expiration Date (**Needed for Postseason Assignments**)

8. Upload/update profile picture. (Optional)

9. Select your association(s): primary, secondary and tertiary. You only need to select one if you do not have a secondary or tertiary association.

10. Select which association will be your PRIMARY association.

11. Payment- Review your registration information and payment.

NOTE: If you are signing in for first time you will be promoted to change your password as well as accept the **Terms and Conditions**.

#### **Where can I get further help?**

**B.** Contact your partner at least 24 hours prior to your schedule game. Please arrive 30 minutes prior Middle School games and 45 minutes prior to High School games to conduct a pregame with your partner(s), meet event administrator, check the table and evaluate court for safety. **IF you are running late call your partner. IF you can't make it you MUST call Commissioner Calvin Wright or your area supervisor as soon as possible so he can find a replacement.** You can wear either shirt for Middle School, but without patches. Only the FHSAA shirt can be worn for ALL FHSAA sanctioned High School games. All officials MUST wear the same shirt during the game.

**C. Officials need to be professional and approachable at all times.** This does not mean spending any more time than necessary with coaches or at the table. We should

not be socializing with the fans or the players. Many of the games will be poorly played, but the teams and fans are paying us to stay engaged and be consistent. We are there to officiate the game. Also, we are not there to take abuse from ANYONE. Be firm, but tactful in the way that you handle any situation where you have to deal with unruly fans. STOP the game, alert your partner(s) and get the administrator involved immediately. Please contact Commissioner Wright and or your supervisor within an hours after the game with any issues or unusual circumstances involved with your game so that we can take the appropriate actions if needed.

V. Rule and Interpretation Discussion:

Meeting adjourned. New officials were asked to stay behind to get more information.  
Next meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> @ the Eau Gallie H.S. cafeteria at 6 pm.

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CALVIN WRIGHT

Commissioner, MCOA

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DWAYNE MCCOY

Secretary, MCOA