

# Craig's Call

1/18/16

The PIAA conducted a conference call last night (1/17/2016) with District Interpreters. Here are the most recent results.

- **Recent (and hopefully the final) Uniform Rule Clarifications**

1. Players may wear compression shorts above the knee.

Players may wear tights. Tights were defined as full length, down to the ankles.

Players MAY NOT wear  $\frac{3}{4}$  length leggings. –This is will raise some eyebrows.

RATIONALE:

The  $\frac{3}{4}$  leggings are not considered legal full-length tights nor compression shorts. To be legal, a player would have to wear socks that cover the lower edge of the legging.



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$\frac{3}{4}$  legging



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**LEGAL**

tight



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compression short

2. Players MAY NOT roll their shorts down so that a logo, tag, or string is visible.

Players may roll their shorts inward. No logo, tag or string shows.

Players MAY roll the short down multiple times so that no tag, logo, or string is visible.

RATIONALE:

Many schools pass down uniforms to younger and smaller players. Players need to roll their shorts to tighten and shorten them. The PIAA wants to accommodate these players/schools.

- **Bench decorum/sportsmanship** –penalized unsporting behavior

- **Consistency** esp. 10-6-12 contact on BHD – Review the hand checking rule on ball handlers both on the perimeter and in the post. Work hard to be consistent from the beginning of the game until the final buzzer. This enforcement must continue right through the playoffs. Remember, in high school basketball, advantage/disadvantage is not a part of this rule.

- **JV Halftime** – No one should be on the court dunking during an intermission of a JV game. With that said, a varsity team member dunking is not a “T”. Find the game manager and have them remove these non-players from the court.
- **Captain’s meeting** – The state wants ALL officials be included in the huddle prior to the game. U1 and U2 should stand closer to the table so that they may still watch the teams warming up.



U1 and U2 continue to monitor warmups.

Photo courtesy of Scott R. Davis

- **Concussion protocol** – The player’s returning to play is the responsibility of the school. They are to get a doctor’s clearance. We are not to question it. More in an upcoming PIAA bulletin.
- **POE’s** – There can be no let up.
  - 1. POST PLAY
  - 2. REBOUNDING
  - 3. PROTECTING THE FREE THROW SHOOTER
  - 4. USING APPROVED NFHS SIGNALS AND MECHANICS
- **Convention topics / speakers**– If you have an idea for a Convention topic or speaker, please forward your suggestions to your district interpreter, or me. I will forward them on to the PIAA.

With only a few weeks left before playoff season begins, let’s hope that we hear no more about uniforms. Stay healthy and get your shovels ready.

*Craig Bradley*