

**Central Pennsylvania Basketball Officials Association**  
**2-person Mechanics Clinic, Boiling Springs High School, 9:00 a.m.**

The annual 2-person mechanics clinic was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. Donnie Eppley, Mid-Penn and non-PIAA assignor, gave a few brief remarks on schedules and other assigning issues.

Craig Bradley, interpreter, began by showing a coaching box in this gymnasium. It is marked 14 feet in length no matter where it begins. There will be some gyms where there is no space for a proper coaching box. In these cases, the coach will be permitted to step on the floor to coach if the play is at the other end of the court. However, the coach is not allowed such privilege if he steps on the court to yell or berate the officials. Be certain to review rule 10-4 and 10-5. If a technical foul is assessed, it is a bench technical. It is anticipated that most gyms will have a coach's box marked with tape. If it is not marked, then there is no coaching box. However, the coach does have the right to stand. If the number of players on the bench extends beyond the coaching box, the coach must stay in the box and have the players adjust if he/she needs to speak with them. The coach is still not permitted to go to the table other than for possible error situations. It is recommended that both benches be equidistant from the table so there is no unfair advantage for one over the other. If the coach is restricted to sitting due to a technical foul situation, they may still rise to call a time-out.

Craig Bradley then covered a typical 2-person game from start to finish. He reminded everyone that a pre-game is essential. He also encouraged everyone to make their scrimmages as realistic as possible. He emphasized the fact that you should use only the authorized mechanics.

The referee's pre-game duties include watching the visiting team, inspecting the ball and the floor area. The umpire will watch the home team. He reminded us that teams may not engage in any form of intimidation during pre-game warm-ups.

At 11:00 remaining, the referee should perform their pre-game table duties. Then at 4:00 the pre-game meeting should take place. This is where the PIAA sportsmanship message should be read.

The officials should keep their coats on until the announcements of the starting players. In the Mid-Penn Conference, the visiting book is the official scoring book. In the Tri-Valley League, the official scoring book is the home book.

Craig Bradley then went through a typical game beginning with the jump ball to end of regulation time. He discussed primary areas of coverage, out-of bounds responsibilities, time-out situations, and live-ball rotations.

The mechanics clinic was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m. After this most officials stayed for more training. The remaining officials rotated through different

stations concerning the following topics: how to toss the ball to start the game, free-throw administration, foul reporting at the table, and throw-in mechanics.

This portion was adjourned around 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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