



# IAABO

## INSTRUCTIONS TO SCORERS

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### PROCEDURES

- Obtain a roster of names, numbers and starters at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled starting time
  - Recommended that names be listed in numerical order
  - Report any noncompliance to the Referee at least 12 minutes prior to scheduled starting time
- Communicate with other scorer (if applicable) after each entry into the scorebook
  - Report any discrepancy to an official at the first dead ball
- Responsible for accuracy of the Alternating Possession Arrow (official record is maintained in the scorebook)
- Must keep a running summary of points scored (official score)
- Inform reporting official when a player has committed five fouls, two technical fouls; coach has been charged with two direct technical fouls or a combination of three direct and indirect; team granted excessive timeout
  - Personal fouls and technical fouls are added together to reach the disqualification number of five
- Record team warnings: there are four by rule (official record is maintained in the scorebook)
- Inform reporting official when a team has no allotted timeouts remaining
  - Each team is permitted three 60-second timeouts and two 30-second timeouts per game
  - Each team is granted an additional 60-second timeout for each extra period; Teams may use any unused timeouts
- All field goals are two points—unless the official(s) demonstrates the successful three-point goal signal
- Notify reporting official when a team has committed its seventh and tenth foul of each half

### SUBSTITUTES

- Substitutes are to report to the scorer giving their number
- Substitutes are to wait at the X located in front of the scorer's table until beckoned by an official
- Substitutes must report to the scorer before the warning horn sounds during timeouts and intermissions
- Substitutions during multiple free throws for personal fouls
  - Can enter immediately before the final free throw
  - Can enter after final free throw if successful
  - When there is a required substitute—all substitutes who have reported before the horn, required substitute has been beckoned—may enter when beckoned
- Timer is not to sound the horn for substitutes until scorer has performed his/her duties
- When a player is withdrawn from the game, he/she becomes a team member. That team member cannot re-enter until the next available substitution opportunity, after the clock has been properly started

### ABSOLUTES

- Participate in pregame meeting with Referee
- Wear official scorer's game shirt
- Be seated next to the timer
- Be attentive, accurate and maintain focus during entire game, avoid distractions
- Maintain eye contact with reporting official
- Maintain an appearance of impartiality throughout the game; you are the official scorer, not the home team scorer
- Remain at the scorer's and timer's table, with the scorebook, throughout the entire game, including all intermissions
- Home team scorebook will be the official scorebook—unless the Referee rules otherwise
- After the game and before the officials leave the court—establish eye contact with the Referee for approval of the score
- Understand that you are an official and a vital part of the contest. Your cooperation with the game officials and your service to the schools is greatly appreciated.