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TO: NCAA Divisions I, II and III Women's Basketball Coordinators of Officials.

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SUBJECT: Women's Basketball Coordinators of Officials Telephone
Conference Minutes.

1. Welcome and Roll Call. (Mary Struckhoff)

- Conference roll call was taken. All Division I conferences were represented on the call.

2. Secretary-Rules Editor Update/Report. (Debbie Williamson)

a. Rules Book.

- (1) Corrections. Corrections to the rules book and case book will be posted next week. Please submit any corrections you may have by this Friday, December 5, to Ms. Williamson (williamsondebbie@yahoo.com).
- (2) Two-year cycle. The rules book is moving to a two-year cycle next fall. After the book is printed in the summer of 2009, it will not be printed again until the summer of 2011.
- (3) Rules change proposals. Any proposed rules changes must be submitted by February 1, 2009. The rules change proposal form is located on the Excel Sports Officiating Web site. Rationale must support the proposed change for it to be considered.

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- b. NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rule 2-13.5 Interpretation/Clarification.
 - (1) Rule 2-13.5 requires officials to go to the monitor to see whether a fight occurred and who participated or left the bench area. However, the rule does not state a time frame for when officials can penalize a fight that was overlooked and subsequently discovered using the monitor.
 - (2) This interpretation introduces such a time frame as well as the penalties that apply in this situation.
 - (3) Special attention should be given to the fact that since this particular fight situation was overlooked by officials and time elapsed since the fight, the penalty for the flagrant personal would be the point of interruption to the offended team instead of the designated spot nearest to where the foul occurred.
- c. Women's Basketball Coaches Association – "Pink Zone" Rules Waiver.
 - (1) Pink Zone week is scheduled for February 13-22.
 - (2) The only exception to the uniform rule during that week is that pink headbands are permitted regardless of the color of the uniform.
- d. Uniforms.
 - (1) Subcommittee work. The Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committees have formed a uniform subcommittee to evaluate the current uniform rule.
 - (2) Tights. Undergarments shall not extend below the game pants and shall be similar in color to that of the game pants. Full-length tights are not permitted.
 - (3) Undershirts. Undershirts are considered to be part of the game jersey and must be a color similar to that of the game jersey and may not extend below the elbow. As with the game jersey, no visible manufacturer's logo is permitted on the undershirt.
- e. Use of Laptops on the Team Bench.
 - Bench personnel are permitted to use laptops provided the laptops are not being used to communicate to and from the bench area or to use replay features for coaching purposes as per Rule 10-4.2.

f. Restraining Line.

- (1) A restraining line must be placed on the floor and located six feet from each end line.
- (2) When there is not six feet of available space on each end line, a line should be marked using the available space.
- (3) Non-playing personnel are not permitted within six feet of the end line regardless of how much space is available.

3. National Coordinator of Officiating Update/Report. (Struckhoff)

a. Restraining Line.

- (1) There is no penalty associated with the lack of a restraining line; however, its presence is necessary to minimize risk to student-athletes and limit liability exposure to officials.
- (2) Coordinators can assist in this effort by communicating with institutional games management personnel to ensure adherence to the rule. Coordinators should also communicate with conference officials regarding the necessity for proper enforcement and any unusual facility situations that may need to be addressed. Many coordinators have already sent e-mails or posted procedures on conference Web sites.
- (3) Game management personnel must also be involved in the enforcement of this rule by ensuring that the restricted area is properly marked and that non-playing personnel remain outside the restricted area during the contest.

b. Points of Emphasis.

- (1) Contact on/by ball-handler/dribbler.
 - (a) Crews appear to be addressing this point of emphasis and are encouraged to maintain that level of enforcement throughout the season.
 - (b) Of particular concern is a defender illegally contacting the ball-handler/dribbler with the body as she drives to the basket. Any impede, displacement or re-route of that dribbler is a foul.

(2) Traveling.

- (a) Officials are doing an excellent job of identifying legal and illegal moves and enforcing the traveling rule.
- (b) Continued diligence in this area of the game is essential. Find the pivot foot and adjudicate the rule as written, not because it is a “point of emphasis,” but because the rule must be properly enforced.
- (c) Do not get caught up in the degree to which a player traveled – she either traveled or she did not.
- (d) Coaches want traveling infractions called consistently.
- (e) As discussed in the clinics and on the Officiating Instructional Video, many spin moves are illegal. By definition (4-68.4.a), a travel has occurred when, after coming to a stop (the dribble has ended) and establishing a pivot foot, the pivot foot may be lifted, but not returned to the playing court, before the ball is released on a pass or try for goal. Many players are ending the dribble, establishing a pivot, lifting that pivot and returning it to the court before releasing the try. Ms. Struckhoff will post some clips of spin moves on the ESO Web site for further study.

(3) Sportsmanship – player behavior.

- (a) There appear to be very few incidences thus far this season. However, officials should not be lulled into complacency. A situation can turn volatile in an instant; seemingly unprovoked.
- (b) Awareness has been heightened and all stakeholders in our game are sensitive to this issue – regarding their own teams, and perhaps more so, regarding their opponents.
- (c) Officials must continue to be aware of dead- and live-ball situations that may result in players exhibiting inappropriate and unsporting behavior. Enforce the rules as written and keep your eyes on the court at all times.

c. Required Exam Reports.

- (1) The required exam commentary has been posted. Officials are encouraged to print this document and familiarize themselves with the questions, answers and the rules associated with each.

- (2) Individual scores are being hand-entered into the NCAA verification site system. The data entry should be completed soon.
 - (3) As in the past, coordinators will be sent a scoring report for conference officials.
- d. Manual Corrections.
- (1) As previously mentioned with the other publications, corrections to the Collegiate Commissioners Association Women's Basketball Officiating Manual will be posted on the ESO Web site soon.
 - (2) These corrections can be found on the same document as the rules and case book corrections.
- e. Future Rules/Mechanics Quizzes.
- (1) The first bi-weekly quiz will be posted after the holidays.
 - (2) Any suggested topics or questions to include in future quizzes are welcome.
- f. November/December Technical Foul Reports.
- (1) Ms. Struckhoff will send out the report template toward the end of December as a reminder to complete and submit the form. Separate forms for January and February will also be requested at the appropriate time.
 - (2) This information provides valuable feedback to the rules committee and the conferences in assessing if points of emphasis and rules are effective and being enforced properly.
 - (3) Conferences should indicate on the form any technical foul assessed in a contest assigned by that conference, regardless if the penalty is assessed to the home or visiting coach/player/team. The purpose of the report is to determine how many total technical fouls have been assessed in a particular timeframe.
- g. Game/Shot Clock Malfunction Procedures.
- (1) An official has requested guidance regarding standardized procedures for when the game or shot clock malfunctions.
 - (2) If any conference currently has procedures established, please forward to Ms. Struckhoff for the possible adoption of a uniform procedure to post on the ESO Web site and publish in the CCA Manual.

h. Time-Out Positioning Clarification.

- (1) Page 101, Section 3.4.3.A.4, of the CCA Manual describes the timeout position for the administering official (L) as the free-throw line.
- (2) This was not intended to be a mechanics change, therefore it was not shaded in the manual as a new mechanic. It was added for clarification since it was never definitively stated in the manual.
- (3) To provide a practical option when on-floor activities or the need to confer with a co-official may force the Lead to another location, the additional position of "under the basket" has been added to the text.
- (4) This addition will be reflected on the manual corrections document on the ESO Web site.

i. Regional Advisor Officials' Evaluations.

- (1) The four regional advisors have attended numerous games to date.
- (2) Notification of attendance at games has been sent to each conference coordinator with conference commissioners and senior woman administrators copied on the correspondence.
- (3) Conference assignments for each regional advisor are the same as last year. However, a different regional advisor may contact a coordinator if travel has him/her attending a conference game outside the assigned region.
- (4) Regional advisors are submitting evaluations through a new online system created by the NCAA.
- (5) The NCAA continues to hand-enter the results of officials that have submitted the release form distributed prior to the season. Once this process is complete, evaluations will be distributed to conference commissioners.

j. Officiating Selection Index Update.

- (1) During recent CCA meetings questions have been posed regarding the selection procedure for the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship game officials. Ms. Struckhoff and the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee have spent considerable time over the last several months discussing

the nomination, selection and advancement process for game officials to ensure that the selection procedure is effectively structured.

- (2) After much discussion and review of various models, the index that serves as a guide in the review and selection of nominated officials will continue to be utilized with some modifications.
- (3) Ms. Struckhoff will conduct a Web conference to provide a comprehensive overview of the index and outline the adjustments made to the system. Conference office personnel, as well as conference coordinators of officials, will be invited to participate in the Web conference.
- (4) Additional information regarding the Web conference will be forthcoming once schedules can be coordinated and finalized.

4. Other Business.

- Coordinators were reminded of the recent e-mail sent, with attachments, regarding game management documents. Any feedback regarding this information is welcomed.

5. Future Calls/Meeting Schedule.

- a. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.
- b. Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.
- c. Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 10 a.m. Central time (Final Four Meeting in St. Louis).