

NFHS 2009-11 MECHANICS CHANGES AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Mechanics Changes

Two-person: switch for free throws (2.2.3, 2.4.2)

When free throws are to be attempted, the calling official will become the trail and will be positioned **table side**. The lead official will be positioned opposite the table.

Three-person crew: Trail monitors chop on end line throw-in (3.2.2D)

The trail shall mirror the lead's stop and start clock (chop) signals for frontcourt end line throw-ins.

Mechanics Points of Emphasis

Signals and communication – Only use approved NFHS approved signals. The use of “personal” signals is inappropriate and can be confusing.

Positioning on free throws –

Lead must be positioned off the court. It is not acceptable for the official to stand on the land line in the vacant land space.

Center watches players on opposite lane line except in the first lane space on both sides. He/she is positioned at a spot just behind the free-throw line extended, halfway between the center-side lane line and center-side sideline.

Trail is responsible for all players outside the three-point arc.

Procedures for getting teams out of timeouts – When the warning horn sounds, the two officials will go to the nearest team huddle raise the index finger and verbalize “first horn”. Get eye contact with the coach, and reinforce the first horn blown. Stay near the huddle and encourage the teams to break and prepare for play. Clap your hands and verbalize what you want.

Positioning – Officials must work hard to get proper angles and see through the play.