



BASKETBALL OBSERVATION REPORT

Date _____ Location _____

Referee _____ U1 _____ U2 _____

Level MS FR JV VAR

Game Difficulty (Please check one)

- Game was relatively easy to officiate with few difficult decisions and little pressure
- Average game to officiate
- Difficult game to officiate with many difficult plays, situations and high pressure

Game Ratings

1 = Outstanding 2 = Above Average 3 = Average 4 = Below Average 5 = Unacceptable

POINTS OF INTEREST	REFEREE	U 1	U2
Positioning			
Signals and Mechanics			
Judgment/ Correctness of Calls			
Consistency of Calls			
Decisiveness			
2 or 3 person Mechanics			
Crew Communications			
Communication with Participants			
NFHS Playing Rules Application			
Use of Common Sense			
Situation Management			
Focus/Reaction Under Pressure/Poise			
Hustle			
Demeanor			
Appearance/Fitness			
Mobility			
Fraternization			

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICIALS (Please check one)

Based on the performance in this contest, indicate the level you would rank this official among all the officials you know who work primarily at this level

Referee	UMPIRE 1	UMPIRE 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Top 10 %	<input type="checkbox"/> Top 10 %	<input type="checkbox"/> Top 10 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Top 33%	<input type="checkbox"/> Top 33%	<input type="checkbox"/> Top 33%
<input type="checkbox"/> Middle 33%	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle 33%	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle 33%
<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom 33%	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom 33%	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom 33%
<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom 10%



STANDARDS FOR BASKETBALL OBSERVATIONS

Positioning: The official is in the proper position during live and dead ball situations, which includes reporting fouls, timeouts and period intermissions. During live ball action, the official is moving to adjust and react to developing plays and situations, always keeping proper angles to avoid being straight-lined on plays.

Signals and Mechanics: The official gives clear and authoritative signals in a smooth, relaxed style that projects confidence and does not draw undue attention to the official. The official shall coordinate the voice and signals to give a professional appearance.

Judgment / Correctness of Calls: The official simply demonstrates good judgment and gets his/her plays right during a contest.

Consistency of Calls: The official is consistent during a game (play to play, quarter to quarter, half to half) when having similar or like plays. Violations, fouls and no-calls at one end of the floor are consistent with the same types of plays being called in the same manner at the other end of the floor. The official also works well with his or her partner(s) in building crew consistency during a contest when confronted with similar or like plays.

Decisiveness: The official demonstrates a high level of confidence in their movements, calls and non-calls. The official is not timid or weak, and projects confidence, decisiveness and credibility during the contest.

2-Person or 3-Person Mechanics: The official works the correct mechanics as taught at CAOAA meetings and scrimmages. The official understands primary areas, on-ball/off-ball coverage, rebound areas of responsibility, and proper rotations.

Crew Communications: The official works effectively with other members of the crew through voice and signals during live and dead ball situations, with special attention given to end of period situations. The crew comes together and discussing situations when appropriate, working together to get all plays called correctly.

Communications with Participants: The official effectively communicates with all participants (coaches, players, substitutes, bench personnel) when appropriate. This includes coach-official communication being done through the head coach, and demonstrating a friendly but firm approach with all other game participants.

NFHS Playing Rules Application: The official demonstrates proper understanding the NFHS playing rules by consistently applying the rules, and subsequent penalties when applicable. The official does not confuse NFHS rules with other rules codes (NCAA, NBA) when working a scholastic contest.

Use of Common Sense: The official demonstrates a use of common sense when applying the rules correctly and consistently. The official understands the importance of player safety, and manages the game accordingly. The official understands the difference between fouls that have a significant impact on the play versus contact that has not bearing on the play.

Situation Management: The official maintains professional control during the contest, while not being overly aggressive or overbearing. He/she effectively communicates as necessary with contest personnel, and handles difficult situations appropriately (warnings, fouls, technicals, ejections, etc) in light of the game situation.

Focus / Reaction Under Pressure / Poise: The official has consistent concentration on the crucial elements throughout the entire game. This includes giving attention to developing plays and situations. The official demonstrates an awareness of all that is going on within a game and maintains positive body language during the contest, showing confidence and poise when the pressure of the game situation increases.

Hustle: The official displays movement with a purpose during a play to get into *proper position* to cover plays. The distance to be covered by the official will often dictate the speed or method the official uses to get into position (i.e., running vs. jogging).

Demeanor: The official displays a conscientious and earnest desire to carry out on-court duties. He/she exhibits posture that reflects interest in the game. It is taken for granted that during certain times in the game (timeouts, between periods, etc.) an official's posture can be more relaxed, but not to the extent that a disinterest in the game is exhibited.

Appearance/Fitness: The proper display of uniform as defined in the *MHSAA Officials Guidebook* is used during the game, including the proper placement of the MHSAA registration patch. The uniform itself is clean and pressed, with shoes being polished. The official demonstrates a fit and athletic appearance within the uniform. Note: the only acceptable shirt for MHSAA competition is the black and white striped shirt.

Mobility: The official possesses the physical ability to move into proper position on the court to cover all possible plays for which they have responsibility.

Fraternization: The official avoids excessive, casual and/or unnecessary conversation with coaches, student-athletes or other game personnel during a contest. At no time is the official to converse with or address spectators during the game.