

To all GHSA basketball officials:

Games have already begun – I hope that each of you are anticipating a great season of officiating. Please be aware of the following:

1. You must enforce the hand checking rule as it is written – to deviate from that will cause confusion among the players, coaches and fans. If you have any questions about the enforcement please contact your association training officer or district coordinator.

Here is the how the new rule is to be enforced:

10-6-12 NEW: The following acts constitute a foul when committed against a ball handler/dribbler:

- a. Placing two hands on the player.
- b. Placing an extended arm bar on the player.
- c. Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
- d. Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

2. There is still some confusion regarding what is legal to wear on the legs:

- A player may wear anything on the legs as long as it meets the color restrictions – this includes sleeves, tights, compression shorts
- A KNEE BRACE does NOT have color requirements
- A KNEE PAD (covers ONLY the knee) does NOT have color requirements
- Socks do not have color requirements
- Shoes do not have color requirements

3. Being professional at all times is a given – there is no excuse for curt behavior.

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