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The official start of the season is here! I trust that you are ready to take the floor and get the season underway. Here are a few items for your attention.

Replay Mechanic Change: After further consideration, an adjustment was made to the replay mechanic. Please view the information on the publications corrections document. One official may communicate with the broadcast talent prior to a review to inform them of the topic for the review. This communication should come only AFTER the crew communicates about the review. This communication with the talent must be brief and concise. Some examples of appropriate statements are: We are going to review: the severity of the contact, a timing issue, potential unobserved contact, potential – shot clock violation, etc. After sharing this information, the umpire will promptly return to their position to observe both benches.

Shot Clocks: Please be diligent in getting the shot clocks tested prior to the game to ensure the host school is compliant. Have the operator display the ability to 1) reset to both 30 and 20 while the game clock is running, and 2) run the game clock to 29 seconds and shut off the 30 second shot clock and then reset the shot clock to 20. Remember if there is a timing issue, be selective with the stoppage so there is not interference with a team making a scoring attempt. Game flow is important and unnecessary corrections should be avoided.

Play Calling: It’s extremely important that we all get things started off on the right foot and set a tone not just for the game but for the entire season. Please review your points of emphasis and the Officiating Guidelines in Appendix III of your rule book. We all must enforce these guidelines now so we can ensure freedom of movement that will lead us to exciting competitive games. We have posted this year’s instructional video under the Video tab and breakout materials from the regional clinics for you to use as reminders of areas of emphasis this season.

Technical Foul Report: New this year, we are asking all officials to complete the report for all technical fouls called in games. The report can be found under the Resources section of the Central Hub. The referee on the game, with information from the calling official, should complete the report within 3 days of the game. Upon submission, the completed report is available for download via PDF and can be saved and shared with the coordinator of officials who assigned the game. [https://ncaa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3VJSwPwXOM9zYLb](https://ncaa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3VJSwPwXOM9zYLb)

Education Plays: If you have a video play from your game that you feel would be good for education purposes and you have permission to share it, please submit it to me via this link. [http://bit.ly/2019refvideo](http://bit.ly/2019refvideo)


Be amazing, stay healthy and travel safely. Here we go!

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