MEMORANDUM

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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 for December 7.

1. Welcome and Roll Call. (Mary Struckhoff)
   - Conference roll call was taken. All Division I conferences were represented on the telephone conference.

2. National coordinator of officiating update/report. (Struckhoff)
   a. Points of emphasis.
      (1) **Contact on/by ball-handler/dribbler.** There have been no changes to this guideline over the last several years. Officials must continue to administer this area consistently. Of particular concern from early season observations are displacement and body impedes/reroutes by defenders.

      (2) **Traveling.** Officials must continue to locate the pivot foot whenever a ball handler is making a move – before or after the dribble. Officials must not guess on a violation, but also must not use that as an excuse for consistently making incorrect rulings.

      (3) **Sportsmanship.** Much progress has been made in this area over the years, especially as it relates to unsporting player behaviors. It is imperative that the positive strides made not be lost in just a few months. Officials must continue to manage dead-ball situations and properly penalize inappropriate behaviors when warranted.

      (4) **Enforcing the rules as written.** This is an overall concept and desire by the NCAA Men’s and Women’s Basketball Rules Committee.
Committees. It has been an added focus to promote consistency throughout the country. When the game is officiated according the rules book, a significant step is taken toward delivering a more consistent product.


(1) There are specific procedures described in the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) Women’s Basketball Officiating Manual regarding how to administer the 20-seconds permitted to attend to or replace a player who is injured, has blood/bleeding, dislodged/lost contacts (3.4.6, page 116-120) or has been disqualified (3.6.2.A, page 131).

(2) Officials must not permit this to turn into a timeout period. Inform the coach/player of the specific situation as efficiently as possible. If applicable, instruct the timer to begin the 20-second replacement interval in a timely manner and in accordance with the procedure.

(3) Ensure that timers are sounding the first horn once 5 seconds have elapsed in the interval and the final horn when 20 seconds have elapsed. The final horn need not sound only if the player is ready to resume or the required substitute has reported.

(4) Officials should thoroughly review these areas of the manual to ensure the proper procedure is being administered.

c. Elbow rule application/monitor use.

(1) By rule, officials are permitted to review the courtside monitor to determine if a flagrant foul has occurred. A possible flagrant foul due to illegal contact with an elbow above an opponent’s shoulder would also fall under this rule. There have been several case plays and interpretations posted in this regard.

(2) The NCAA Basketball Rule 2-13.2.d.1 specifically calls for a “plausible reason” to utilize the monitor to review the severity of the contact.

(3) If there is any doubt by an official/crew that a flagrant foul may have occurred, then a plausible reason exists. If there is no doubt whatsoever as to the type of contact that has occurred, then there is no plausible reason for the officials to review the monitor.
d. Rules/mechanics quizzes.

(1) The first in-season quiz is scheduled to be available Monday, December 13.

(2) The every other Monday posting pattern established in recent years will once again be followed.

(3) As a reminder, coordinators currently have the ability to check exam scores for the officials on their conference roster through the coordinator’s hub of the Women’s Basketball Central Hub.

e. November/December technical foul report.

(1) The NCAA is in the midst of creating an online reporting option for the technical foul report.

(2) The same information provided in the past will again be requested. However, rather than submitting the technical foul data in template form/hard copy, coordinators will access an online version of the report and input the same data.

(3) More information will be sent to coordinators regarding submission of this data.

f. Regional advisors’ on-site game evaluations of officials.

(1) Regional advisors’ on-site game evaluations from early-season contests will be sent to conference personnel soon.

(2) The NCAA is investigating how to best utilize technology to provide these evaluations to conference personnel in a timelier manner. More information will be forthcoming if the procedure changes.

g. Women’s basketball Central Hub.

(1) All pertinent and “official” communications to officials and coordinators from the NCAA regarding rules, interpretations, mechanics, procedures, eligibility, etc., will be communicated through and/or posted on the NCAA Women’s Basketball Central Hub.

(2) There have been complaints from officials that some “official” NCAA information was available only on individual conference websites and not accessible to officials throughout the country. Others have been concerned that the information found on the conference websites was inaccurate. While it is
important that conferences have the ability to communicate specific messages, reminders, conference procedures, travel information, etc., it is also imperative that the NCAA Women’s Basketball Central Hub be the only source for official NCAA information.

(3) Coordinators are being asked to, if desired, only post on their conference websites the fact that new information is available on the NCAA Women’s Basketball Central Hub or provide the actual link to the information. Please refrain from posting (copy and pasting) information found on the Central Hub, such as rule interpretations, notifications or PDFs. This information gets updated and revised and it is important that the correct version be available in one place. In addition, informal replies to e-mails from NCAA representatives should not be posted on individual conference websites. Trends must be identified and information vetted before it becomes “official.” However, coordinators and officials are encouraged to suggest to NCAA personnel that an inquiry and the corresponding response get posted on the Central Hub so all parties can benefit from the information.

h. Monitor review - coach’s challenge update.

(1) The subcommittee assigned to this task at the September coordinator’s meeting has had numerous conference calls and has developed a preliminary/draft proposal. One last conference call has been scheduled and it is anticipated that the draft proposal will be shared with the Division I conference coordinators after that call.

(2) Other groups have expressed an interest in seeing the draft proposal. Once the coordinators have had an opportunity to review/react to the draft, it will be sent to other constituent groups for feedback.

i. Officials’ eligibility list for the Division I Women’s Basketball Championship.

(1) The preliminary list of officials meeting NCAA eligibility requirements for the 2011 Division I Women’s Basketball Championship is being compiled and will be sent to coordinators in mid-December.

(2) Upon receipt, coordinators should review the list for conference officials. If an official is missing from the list and there is a belief a mistake may have been made regarding any of the requirements, the official should contact the NCAA (rkay@ncaa.org) to determine the issue.
j. Future conference calls.

(1) The dates of the two remaining coordinator conferences calls are identified below. The NCAA has the capability of conducting these calls via an online format to provide visual references as well as record the conference calls.

(2) Feedback from coordinators will be obtained to determine if this technology is of interest to the group.

k. Women’s College Basketball Officiating, LLC (WCBO) update.

(1) Gloria Nevarez, Pac-10 senior associate commissioner and chair of the WCBO board of managers, indicated that preliminary initiatives have been identified by the board of managers and would be prioritized and approved soon.

(2) Each of the two standing committees, the competition committee and the mechanics committee, have conducted initial conference calls to review their respective purposes and proposed timelines.

3. Secretary-rules editor update/report. (Debbie Williamson)

a. Monitor review - elbow scenarios. Please see the December 7 Interpretation/Case play posting for the details of each of the following plays.

(1) Reported intentional. There can be no downgrade to a common foul after this intentional foul has been reported.

(2) Foul not observed. When the monitor has been reviewed for a flagrant foul that was not observed, an intentional foul can be penalized if within the time frame to penalize. However, in the situation when fouls that are not observed and are able to be penalized, we resume play where play was stopped to review the monitor with the ball going to the offended team. Edits to this play are shaded and were posted to the Central Hub on December 7.

(3) Double fouls. We do go to the point of interruption when either or both of the fouls are flagrant or intentional fouls. (Rule 10-1 Penalty b)

(4) False double. When the second foul is a technical that will involve the awarding of the ball to the offended team, that technical foul is administered last. (Rule 8-6.1)
b. **Monitor - reviewing intentional fouls.** The monitor rule does not permit a foul to be reviewed unless there is reason to believe that foul is flagrant. This rule does not permit officials to review a foul to see if it is an intentional personal foul for elbow contact. When there is no question that a foul is not a contact flagrant foul, then it cannot be reviewed.

c. **Monitor - Approved Ruling 39.** A.R. 39 in the 2011 NCAA Men’s and Women’s Basketball Case Book states that once a flagrant foul has been reported, it can no longer be reviewed. Therefore, officials are encouraged to review the flagrant before it is reported so that accurate information is reported. This is the only rule difference in Rule 2-13, the monitor rule, between men’s and women’s basketball. The men’s and women’s rules committees were presented with the same information regarding whether or not a flagrant foul that has been reported can be reviewed. The respective committees have put forth their decision. A.R. 39 is a women’s-only approved ruling as noted in the Corrections posting on December 1.

d. **Uniforms.** Please see the Uniform Rule Clarifications posting for more detail.

1. **Rule implementation date.** The posting outlines the parts of Rule 3-5 and 3-6 that are in affect now and those that go into effect for the 2012-2013 basketball season for NCAA Divisions I, II, and III. All three divisions will have to be in compliance for the 2012-2013 basketball season.

2. **Authenticating mark.** The authenticating mark is designed to signify a legal uniform. NCAA Division I institutions will be required to bear the NCAA authenticating mark beginning in fall 2012. While a legal uniform will be required in fall 2012 for all three NCAA divisions, the requirement for the NCAA authenticating mark for Divisions II and III will be delayed until fall 2013.

3. **Logos (jerseys, socks, headbands, equipment).**

4. **Waivers.** Sleeves that extend below the elbows and tights that extend below the game pants require a written waiver from the NCAA. The undershirt must be a color similar to that of the game jersey. The full length tights can the same color of the shorts, black, white or beige. More information will come forward in the coming weeks as to possible color restrictions when multiple team members are permitted to wear full length tights.
c. **Division II and III equipment.** The Playing Rules Oversight Panel extended the date to require NCAA Division III to have a red or LED light, a game clock with tenths-of-a-second, and mounted and recessed shot clocks. This extension is only for NCAA Division III. NCAA Division II institutions are to be in compliance this season for all three equipment requirements.

4. Other business.

5. Future calls/meeting schedule.
   a. Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.
   b. Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern time.
   c. Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 10 a.m. Eastern time (to be confirmed) at Women’s Final Four in Indianapolis.