

## **OFFICIALS PREGAME PROTOCOL - MEETING WITH CAPTAINS AND COACHES**

Prior to 2016 the Officials Manual has described two procedures for accomplishing this process. A Two Conference and a Single Conference.

In the Two Conference procedure the Officials would meet at Center Court with Captains at the 12:00 minute mark before game time and follow this with introductions and comments with Coaches at about 2:00 or 1:30 minutes prior to game time.

The second Single Conference Procedure was seldom used, especially here in Alaska.

However, in the 2016 Officials Manual only the Single Conference Procedure is now recommended. This Single Conference Procedure is stated as follows in the Officials Manual:

### **1.7.2 Guidelines for a Single Conference:**

- A. 0:15:00** Officials enter court and go directly to positions
- B. 0:12:00** Referee goes to the table and checks scorebook(s), brief scorer and timer, check game ball
- C. 0:10:00** Remaining official(s) go across the floor join referee, greet the visiting coach, then greet the home coach.
  - 1.** Referee goes to area in front of scorer's table
  - 2.** U1 and U2 get respective coaches and captains
  - 3.** Referee does introductions of officials, coaches and captain(s)
  - 4.** Referee conducts pregame briefing to include discussing legal equipment and sporting behavior with coaches and captain(s). Also discuss: team color, proper basket, other appropriate items.
  - 5.** Return to original positions
  - 6.** If teams return to dressing room leave court, remove jackets return to original position when teams come out, stand at attention for National Anthem.

It is recommended that Officials Statewide begin using the procedure for their pregame conferences with emphasis on discussing legal equipment and sporting behavior. This Procedure will be used during all State Tournament games during the 2016 State Tournament.