



# Fighting Penalty Administration

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# **What penalties should be assessed?**

- **Players on the court participating in the fight**
- **Bench personnel leaving the team bench that were participating in the fight**
- **Bench personnel leaving the team bench that were not participating in the fight**
- **Proper administration of indirect technicals and free throws**
- **Live ball action prior to the fight  
(status, possible point of interruption)**

# NFHS Definition of Fighting

## **Rule 4 – Section 18:**

**Fighting is a flagrant act and can occur when the ball is dead or alive. Fighting includes, but is not limited to combative acts such as:**

**Article 1 – An attempt to strike, punch or kick by using a fist, hands, arms, legs or feet regardless of whether contact is made.**

# NFHS Definition of Fighting

## **Rule 4 – Section 18:**

**Fighting is a flagrant act and can occur when the ball is dead or alive. Fighting includes, but is not limited to combative acts such as:**

**Article 2 – An attempt to instigate a fight by committing an unsporting act that causes a person to retaliate by fighting.**

# Officiating Guidelines

*If a fight takes place:*

*Do not put yourself in harms way.*

*Use your **Preventive Officiating Skills** to keep players on their benches.*

*Identify all players who are fighting.*

*Identify all bench personnel that left the team bench  
or*

*Identify all bench personnel that did not leave the bench.*

# Officiating Guidelines

*After the fight has completed:*

*Maintain Order.*

*Have teams report to their bench.*

*Huddle with your partners.*

*Determine the fighters.*

*Determine Actions by Bench Personnel.*

*Determine Proper Penalty Administration.*

# Officiating Guidelines

*You may need to use these resources:*

*Pencil and Paper – For Penalty Assessment & Completion of the IHSA Special Report Form*  
*Scorebook / Scorer – Determine who was in the game*

*Remember, you do not have the luxury of video review*

# Officiating Guidelines



*This player came off the bench. What number is he wearing?*



# Officiating Guidelines

*Determining penalty assessment will be the first of two conferences before resuming play.*

*Take a much time as necessary to get it right.*



# Penalty Administration

***For Players on the Court that are fighting:***

***If same number for each team – double flagrant fouls and all participants are disqualified, no free throws are awarded, ball is put in play at point of interruption.***

***If numbers are not the same – flagrant fouls and disqualification for all participants, two free throws are awarded for the offended team for each additional player, offended team awarded a division line throw-in.***

# Penalty Administration

***For Bench Personnel leaving the team bench and DO NOT participate in the fight:***

***Non-participants are assessed flagrant fouls and disqualified. Head Coach is assessed a maximum of one indirect technical foul (regardless of the number leaving the bench).***

***If the number leaving the bench for each team is equal, no free throws are awarded and the ball is put in play at the point of interruption.***

# Penalty Administration

*For Bench Personnel leaving the team bench and DO NOT participate in the fight:*

*If the number leaving the bench for each team is unequal, a maximum of two free throws are awarded to the offended team, followed by a division line throw-in opposite the table.*

# Penalty Administration

***For Bench Personnel leaving the team bench that participate in the fight:***

***All participants are assessed flagrant technical fouls and disqualified. The Head Coach is assessed one indirect technical foul for each person leaving the bench and participating in the fight.***

***If the number leaving the bench for each team is equal, no free throws are awarded and the ball is put in place at the point of interruption.***

# Penalty Administration

*For Bench Personnel leaving the team bench that participated in the fight:*

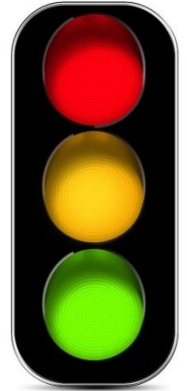
*If the number leaving the bench for each team is unequal, two free throws are awarded to the offended team for each additional person leaving the bench, followed by a division line throw-in opposite the table.*

# Penalty Administration

*Once the penalties are determined. Meet with both coaches before resuming play. Be sure to meet the with official scorer right after meeting with the coaches.*



# Penalty Administration



***Do the Math....***

***Add up penalties for on court fighters, add up penalties for bench personnel participating in the fight, add up penalties for bench personnel not involved in the fight. Subtract the difference to determine how many shots will take place.***

***If no other penalties were assessed outside of the fight, free throws will only be shot at one basket (or none at all may be shot)***



# Penalty Administration

***Remember to correctly assess indirect technical fouls to the head coach (if players left the bench) and free throws shot for bench personnel that leaves the bench and does not participate in the fight.***

***In the event that no free throws are shot involving the fight (all penalties are corresponding) know the point of interruption and actions that took place prior to the fight.***

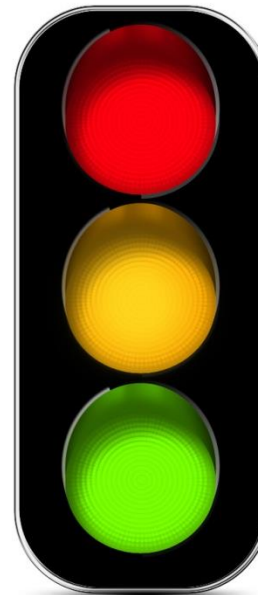
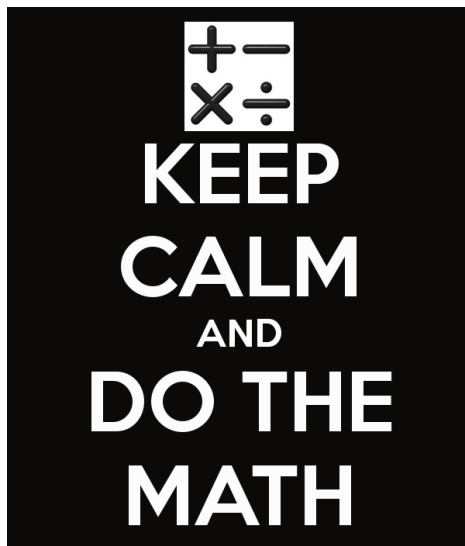
# Penalty Administration

*Math Example:*

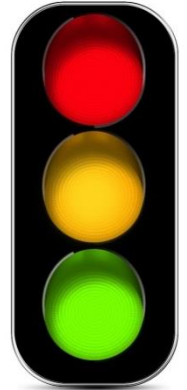
*Players A1, A2 & B1 are assessed with fighting penalties*

*A6 & A7 leave the bench and participate in the fight*

*B7 & B8 leave the bench and do not participate in the fight*



# Penalty Administration



***Math Example:***

***Players A1 & A2 & B1 are assessed with fighting penalties***

***A6 & A7 leave the bench and participate in the fight***

***B7 & B8 leave the bench and do not participate in the fight***

***Penalties for Players:***

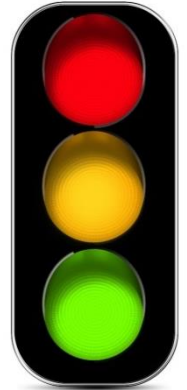
***Team A Penalties – A1 + A2 Fighting***

***Team B Penalties – B1 Fighting***

***Flagrant fouls and disqualification for all fighting participants***

***Sub Total: (2 – 1 = 1 -- Two free throws for Team B)***

# Penalty Administration



***Math Example:***

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***Penalties for Bench Personnel involved in the fight:***

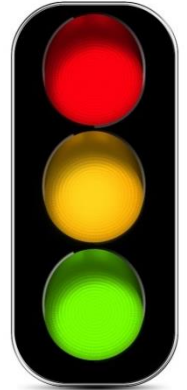
***Team A Penalties – A6 & A7***

***Flagrant fouls and disqualification for all fighting participants***

***Two Indirect Technical Fouls assessed to Head Coach A***

***Sub Total: (2 – 0 = 0 -- four free throws for Team B)***

# Penalty Administration



***Math Example:***

***Players A1 & A2 & B1 are assessed with fighting penalties***

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***Penalties for Bench Personnel not involved in the fight:***

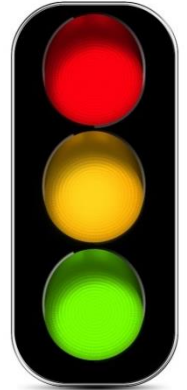
***Team B Penalties – B7 & B8***

***Flagrant fouls and disqualification for leaving the bench***

***One Indirect Technical Foul assessed to Head Coach B***

***Sub Total: (1 – 0 = 1 -- two free throws for Team A)***

# Penalty Administration



***Math Example:***

***Players A1 & A2 & B1 are assessed with fighting penalties***

***A6 & A7 leave the bench and participate in the fight***

***B7 & B8 leave the bench and do not participate in the fight***

***Fighting Sub Total: 2 free throws for Team B***

***Involved Bench Personnel Sub Total: 4 free throws for Team B***

***Non-Involved Bench Personnel Sub Total: 2 free throws for Team A***

***Grand Total: 4 Free Throws for Team B (2+4-2=4)***

# Penalty Administration



***So we know that Team B will shoot four free throws.***

***What if B3 was assessed a personal foul during scrum before the fight started and Team A was in the double bonus?***

# Penalty Administration



***Fouls will be shot in the order in how they occurred. They are separate acts and will not offset. Offended player on Team A will shoot a double bonus, followed by Team B shooting four technical foul free throws. Team B ball out of bounds after the technical free throws.***



# After The Game

*Secure home management for safe exit*

*Get your story straight. Keep your notes*

*Have the referee call the assignor that day/night*

*Complete IHSA Special Report Form*

*Do not converse with media, coaches or spectators*

# Fighting 101 Review

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# Fighting 101 Review

*Do The Math....*

How many free throws will we shoot?		Team A	Team B	Net Result	Remember...
Red	Fighters in the Game				Flagrant Tech & DQ for everyone on this chart
Yellow	Personnel Leaving Bench that Fight				1 Indirect to HC for Each Fighter Off Bench
Green	Personnel Leaving Bench that Do Not Fight			*	Maximum 1 Indirect to HC * Max 2 FT if different
FINAL OUTCOME →					

# Questions ???

