



**George Mason University  
Basketball Officiating  
SPMT-110-001  
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**Syllabus**

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**Required Reading:** Students will read the National Federation of State High School Associations Basketball Rules Book and Basketball Officials Manual. The instructor will obtain the books for each student from the publisher and the students will pay the instructor for the books. Non-required, suggested supplemental materials may be recommended in class.

**Course Description**

This course will teach the fundamentals of officiating basketball including a thorough discussion of each of the rules and related case plays. The course will also include instruction of two person officiating mechanics. This course will provide students with a solid foundation in basketball rules and mechanics, and will provide students with the necessary tools to become a certified Virginia High School League (VHSL) official.

**Course Objectives**

This class provides an immediate vehicle for the students to apply the skills learned in an interscholastic environment. Those choosing to become certified officials and meeting the requirements will be eligible to officiate interscholastic basketball in Virginia up to and including the varsity level. All students will learn the rules of basketball. The student will be able to:

- Discuss the complex role of the official in interscholastic sports
- Employ correct National Federation and VHSL rules in practice and game situations
- Practice the skills needed to be a successful official in game situations
- Identify correct rules and mechanics on tests and/or quizzes
- Demonstrate the correct mechanics and signals in game situations.

**Instructor Expectations**

1. All assigned reading for each class is expected to be done prior to coming to class.
2. All written assignments must be typed in APA format (computer word processing is recommended).
3. Regular attendance and participation is expected. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain class materials from sources other than the instructor. Attendance will be monitored and attendance is defined as arriving on time for class and remaining in class.
4. You will be expected to check Bb regularly as well as being alert to emails from the instructor.

**Responsibilities**

- Assigned reading is expected to be done prior to coming to class.
- All written assignments must be typed.
- Regular attendance and participation is expected.
- Abide by the Honor Code, guided by the spirit of academic integrity.

## **Nature of Course Delivery**

Face to face.

## **Class Attendance**

Attendance will be taken prior to each class session. Class attendance and participation enhances your academic success and will be a factor in grading. Therefore, you should attend all scheduled class meetings in accordance with George Mason policy.

## **Participation**

Respect the free exchange of thought in an academic environment and the participants therein. For example: a) do not have any sound emitting devices turned on; b) wait until the teacher/guest speaker has finished prior to gathering your belongings; and c) do not smoke, chew tobacco, eat, sleep, disrupt others by inappropriate talking, or disrespect the class schedule by being tardy. You are encouraged to a) feel free to openly and respectfully contribute your thoughts; b) listen actively to the comments of others; c) be punctual; d) ask any and all appropriate questions that you have; and e) maintain civility in your interpersonal communications. Class discussions will be conducted in a civil, informed fashion wherein disruptive students will be asked to leave the class. Your contributions are not only welcomed, they are essential.

## **George Mason Policies and Resources for Students**

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code (See <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance (See <http://caps.gmu.edu/>).
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester (See <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing (See <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>).
- The Office of Student Support staff helps students negotiate life situations by connecting them with appropriate campus and off-campus resources. Students in need of these services may contact the office by phone (703-993-5376). Concerned students, faculty and staff may also make a referral to express concern for the safety or well-being of a Mason student or the community (<http://studentsupport.gmu.edu/>) and the staff will follow up with the student.

## **Professional Behavior**

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

## **Core Values Commitment**

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles.

### **Mason Men's Basketball Game**

On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, the class will meet during the Mason men's basketball game at EagleBank Arena. Students will watch the game together and have an opportunity to meet the game officials for a chalk talk.

### **Quizzes**

There will be four quizzes throughout the semester. Each quiz will count fifty points (totaling a value of 200 points toward the final grade). The quiz subject matter will be related to the required reading or discussion from previous classes.

### **Mechanics Exam**

During the course the class will meet on the basketball court to learn the mechanics (signals, court positioning, movement) of officiating. For Saturday classes students should bring a whistle and wear athletic shoes and be prepared to run on the basketball court. Students will be evaluated on their mechanics throughout the class sessions.

### **Evaluation**

Class participation & attendance	200
Quizzes	200
Mechanics Exam	<u>100</u>
<b>TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>500</b>

### **Grading Scale**

<b>Course Score</b>	<b>Grade</b>
485-500	A+
465-484	A
450-464	A-
435-449	B+
415-434	B
400-414	B-
385-399	C+
365-384	C
350-364	C-
325-349	D
324 or less	F

### **Alternative Work**

*There is NO make-up work.* Only those excused absences supported by documentation will be addressed at the instructor's discretion on an individual basis (e.g. a physician's note for an illness). Alternative work due to intercollegiate athletic competitions or other legitimate university activity must be arranged PRIOR to due date. A grade of '0' will be assigned to all missed work unless otherwise determined by the instructor.

**Course Outline & Schedule (subject to change):**

Reading: NFHS Basketball Rules Book (**BRB**) and Basketball Officials Manual (**BOM**)

<b>DATE</b>		<b>TIME &amp; LOCATION</b>	<b>TEXT READINGS</b>	<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>
Fri	9/16	12:30pm – 1:45pm RAC 2203	Intro & Overview BRB 6 & BOM 1	
Fri	9/23	12:30pm – 1:45pm RAC 2203	BRB 1 & 4	
Fri	9/30	12:30pm – 1:45pm RAC 2203	BRB 2 & 3 BOM 2 & 3	<i>Quiz #1</i>
Sat	10/8	10:00am – 11:30am RAC 2227A	BOM 2 & 3	
Sat	10/15	TBD	BOM 4	
Fri	10/21	12:30pm – 1:45pm RAC 2203	BRB 5, 7 & 8	<i>Quiz #2</i>
Fri	10/28	12:30pm – 1:45pm RAC 2203	BRB 9 & 10	<i>Quiz #3</i>
Sat	11/5	10:00am – 11:30am RAC 2227A	BOM 4	<i>Mechanics Exam</i>
Sat	11/12	Time: TBD EagleBank Arena	<i>Watch Mason Men's Basketball Game</i>	<i>Chalk talk with game officials</i>
Fri	11/18	12:30pm – 1:45pm RAC 2203	BRB 9 & 10	<i>Quiz #4</i>