



George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Basketball Officiating
SPMT – 110- 001 (1)
Fall 2017

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Classroom: Robinson A 206
Monday 6-8:00pm (*schedule)

Prerequisites/Corequisites: None

Course Description: This course will teach the fundamentals of officiating basketball including a thorough discussion 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:

- All assigned reading for each class is expected to be done prior to coming to class.
- All written assignments must be typed in APA format (computer word processing is recommended).
- 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
- 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; do not have any sound emitting devices turned on, wait until the teacher/guest speaker has finished prior to gathering your belongings, do not smoke, chew tobacco, eat, sleep, disrupt others by inappropriate talking, or disrespect the class schedule by being tardy. You are encouraged to; feel free to openly and respectfully contribute your thoughts, listen actively to the comments of others, be punctual, ask any and all appropriate questions that you have, and 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.

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.

Basketball Game Observation: The week of the November 14 class date, in lieu of class that week, we will meet at a time and location to be determined to watch a basketball game and observe the officials. A discussion on the observation will follow.

Quizzes: There will be five quizzes throughout the semester. Each quiz will count 50 points (totaling a value of 250 points toward the final grade). The quiz subject matter will be related to the required reading or discussion from previous classes.

Mechanics Exam: There will be a 100 question exam given. The exam will test knowledge of the mechanics of officiating, as described in the Basketball Officials Manual and discussed in class.

Evaluation:

Class participation & attendance	100
Basketball Game Observation	50
Quizzes	250
Mechanics Exam	<u>100</u>
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	500

Grading Scale:

Course Score	Grade
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):

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

Date	Time & Location	Text Readings	Topic
Tuesday, September 12	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	No Required Reading	Course introduction, Syllabus and Book Handout
Tuesday, September 19	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	BRB- Rules 1 & 4	Definitions, Court, and Equipment
Tuesday, October 3	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	BRB- Rules 2 & 3 BOM- Part 1 & 2	Officials and their Duties Rule Quiz #1
Tuesday, October 17	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	BRB- Rules 3, 5 & 6	Scoring and Timing Live and Dead Ball, Players, Substitutes, and Equipment Rule Quiz #2
Tuesday, October 24	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	BRB- 7 & 8	Out of Bounds, Throw-In, and Free Throws Rule Quiz #3
Tuesday, October 31	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	BRB- Rules 9 & 10	Violations and Penalties, Fouls and Penalties Rule Quiz #4
Tuesday, November 7	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	BOM- Part 3 & 4	2 Person Officiating and Signals Rule Quiz #5
Week of November 14	TDB	No Required Reading	On Site Game Observation
Tuesday, November 28	6:00pm – 8:00pm Robinson Hall A206	Review BOM	Observation discussion, steps to certification and working games Mechanics Exam

George Mason Policies and Resources for Students:

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason 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 Mason 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.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be silenced during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/>
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>
- For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/>
- Students are expected to exhibit professional behavior and dispositions at all times. For additional information on student policies and procedures, please review the following link: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>

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

