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TO: MHSА SCHOOL CONTACTS
FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: BASKETBALL FLOOR MARKING CHANGE

NFHS BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE REVISES RULE AND ADDS LANE SPACE LINES FOR 2008-09

Please provide this information to the appropriate personnel:

In an effort to reduce rough play in free-throw situations in high school basketball, NFHS Basketball Rule 8-1-4b, c d has been revised for the 2008-09 season to state:

During a free throw, all players will move up one marked lane space, leaving the two spaces closest to the end line vacant. **Rationale:** This rule change may reduce rough play during free-throw situations while maintaining defensive rebounding percentages within an acceptable range.

To accommodate this rule change a new mark (2 inches by 8 inches) must be applied to the lane line near the free-throw line to designate the last 3-foot marked lane space (see enclosed basketball court diagram showing new marks).

These new free throw lane marks may be either painted or taped on the floor.

The existing 2 inches by 8 inches lane mark closest to the end line can be either removed or left on the floor.

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