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To: All CCAA & U SPORTS Referees & Assignors

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CBOC Pregame Meeting Protocol: CCAA & U SPORTS Competition

Rationale: The recently completed basketball competition at the Paris 2024 Olympics featured a captain's meeting with the officiating crew. The purpose of the meeting was to enhance communication and to develop relationships between the crew and the competitors. The pregame meetings were found to be very successful in enhancing communication and this season CBOC would like to make this a standard protocol at all CCAA and U SPORTS games.

Protocol: At the 7-minute mark, U1 and U2 will bring the captains together at the center jump circle. The Crew Chief will go through the following points:

1. Crew chief will introduce crew to captains
2. Tell captains to be ready to play at the buzzer as game flow is important.
3. Jerseys to be tucked in before entering the game.
4. After the time outs please return to the floor at horn ready to play.
5. Respect for the game: Communicate respectfully with us if you have any questions.
6. Good luck

Implementation: Effective September 16, 2024, the captains meeting should be established at each game. Reference to the new protocol will be shared at the "Points of Emphasis" meeting on September 15th.