



The Possession Switch

How many times have you been in a basketball game when the table lost track of the possession arrow? Whose ball is it — white or black? The possession switch is a tool that can be used by all basketball officials to keep track of the alternating possession.

Designed to work in concert with a Fox 40 whistle, the tool has simple installation steps to follow. The switch fits in the lower chamber of the whistle and comes with self-adhesive tape for installation. The tape helps to create a firm seal between the switch and the whistle.

Once installed, the switch toggles back and forth between white and black. When the arrow points to the home team, make sure the switch is showing white. When the possession arrow changes, move the switch to the black position to indicate the next possession belongs to the visiting team.

The possession switch retails for \$5 and can be purchased online by visiting the website at www.possessionswitch.com.

Heatgear Ventilated Compression Shorts

Brought to you by Under Armour, a new Heatgear ventilated compression short is available at various retail outlets.

Different from other compression shorts on the market, the shorts have a ventilated crotch for coolness and comfort on those hot afternoons. A double layer mesh pocket is available for umpires to use with a cup, providing maximum protection while calling balls and strikes.

Sizes run from medium through 3XL and can also be purchased in long sizes for taller officials and umpires.

The shorts cost \$29.95 and can be found by visiting www.sos-sports.net or calling 888/241-8241.



NASO's 2007 Summit Website

For all the latest information on NASO's 2007 Summit, visit the website devoted entirely to the program. Held July 29-31 in Denver, the theme of the Summit is The Power of Persuasive Officiating — Resolve Conflicts, Manage Games, Build Relationships.

The website answers all of the questions you need regarding the Summit. A complete itinerary is available in addition to late-breaking information regarding participants, the program and all other related items. You can even register online!

Bookmark the website and use it to answer all of your questions regarding the event.

Visit www.naso.org/summit2007 for all of your 2007 Summit information.



The Umpire's Call

The Umpire's Call is a monthly e-newsletter — provided January through May — for amateur baseball umpires, coaches and those interested in becoming baseball umpires.

Written by Scott Ott, the newsletter is a look at all levels of baseball umpiring — youth league through college — placing emphasis on recruitment of new umpires, early preparation for the upcoming season and education and training for all. Rules, mechanics, caseplays and general training tips are compiled to share with umpires.

There is even information presented to assist new umpires in obtaining quality used and donated equipment.

The Umpire's Call is a free newsletter e-mailed out and available to those who are interested.

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