

NFHS NYS RULES MODIFICATIONS – 2023-2024

SHOT CLOCK

• **35 - second shot clock:** Will be used for varsity and junior varsity levels only.

- The shot clock will be reset to 35 seconds when one team fouls, a live ball (inbounds) lodges between the backboard and ring or comes to rest on the flange, or if a try, or tap hits the ring.
- The shot clock will get reset to 20 seconds if there is 19 seconds or less and a defensive player intentionally kicks or fists the ball. The penalty is a violation and a throw-in is awarded to the offended team at the closest of the 4 designated throw-in spots. The officials will signal the numbers "two" and "zero" alerting the shot clock operator to set the shot clock to 20 seconds when it is at 19 seconds or less.
- The shot clock will not get reset when a double foul occurs, and offensive team is in control of the ball. Play shall resume by a throw-in to the team that was in control at one of the 4 designated spots nearest to where the ball was located when the stoppage occurred. The point of interruption.
- During team control, the shot clock will not get reset if a defensive player causes a held ball and the alternating possession arrow favors the offensive team.
- If one shot clock is not working, play the game with the remaining shot clock. If neither shot clock is working, play the game with a timing device at the table.
- If there is no timing device at the table, ask the coaches if they want to play the game without a shot clock. If one or both coaches do not want to play without a shot clock, no game will be played.

BACKCOURT COUNT REMINDER

- Boys' high school officials are still required to show a 10-second count signal in the backcourt, different from college where the official will rely on the shot clock to call a 10-second violation. The shot clock starts on the touch in bounds, but **in boys' high school, possession/control must be obtained in the backcourt before the 10-second backcourt count begins. Must emphasize the difference between college and high school.** There is no change from previous years for the 10-second count rule in boys' high school basketball.

TIME OUTS – DIFFERENT FROM NFHS RULES BOOK

• Four - 60-second time-outs: Can be used anytime during the game including any overtime period(s).

- Two - 30-second time-outs, 1 per half with no carry over. Only one 30-second time out may be used during the first half (use it or lose it) & only one 30-second time out may be used during the second half or overtime period(s).

COACHING BOX – DIFFERENT FROM NFHS RULES BOOK

- The coaching box will be from the nearer end line up to the 28-foot hash mark. It will also include the area immediately in front and behind the team bench. The head coach maintains the coach's area privileges for the entire game. If no line is on the floor indicating the coach's area, tape should be applied marking the area. Do not allow coaches to stand or coach in front of the scorer's table. They must be made to stay in their coaching area. There is not a "seat belt" rule. If the coach received a Technical Foul he does not lose the use of the coaches box and does not need to remain seated the rest of the game.

ENTANGLED NET

- If the net gets entangled during the course of play, allow play to continue until there is an opportunity to have the net attended to (e.g. dead ball period).

UNIFORMS

- The home team is required to wear white jerseys and the visiting team is required to wear dark jerseys. This part of the uniform rule applies to the varsity level only. The sleeve rule **must** be enforced. The colors of headbands, sleeves, tights, leg sleeves and compression shorts all must be the same. The only allowable colors are, white, black, beige, or the predominant color of the jersey. Undershirts are not required to be the same color as the sleeves but must be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey or black if worn under a dark team jersey. (Visiting team) **EMPHASIS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENFORCE THE COLOR RULES.**

PREGAME MEETING – UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

It is **required** by rule that the referee **verify with each head coach, prior to the start of a contest, that the teams' uniforms and equipment are legal and will be worn properly, and that all participants will exhibit proper sporting behavior throughout the contest. (Rule 2-4-5)** It is the coach's responsibility to see that their players are wearing proper uniforms. This includes, proper color undershirts/undergarments, headbands, wristbands, leg and arm sleeves, etc. If any illegal items are noted, the Head Coach should be advised and requested to make the correction. Effective starting in 2022 – 23, officials are to deal directly with the Head Coach and not the players.

Attention All interpreters: At the September 29, State Basketball meeting, the State Basketball Committee approved a State modification rule that the Head Coach or a member of the coaching staff from each team must attend the pregame referees and captains meeting. It is now a state rule that they must attend the pregame conference.