

2020-21 NATIONAL FEDERATION BASKETBALL RULES BOOK (For Reference Purposes)

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Mercy Rule

A mercy rule will be used for all high school games.

1. When the point difference reaches 40 points or more with less than 9 minutes to play in the second half, the clock will go to running time. The clock will only be stopped for time-outs (team or official).
2. Rule applies during the regular season and tournament series.
3. If the differential drops below 40 points, clock still runs continuously until the game is over.

Coaching Box

Coaches are allowed to use a 28-foot coaching box for Grades 9-12 games.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. All varsity games will be played in two 18-minute halves. All nonvarsity games will be played in two 16-minute halves.
- b. Pregame Warm-up Procedure and Player Introductions
 - (1) There will be 15 minutes allowed for pregame warm-ups.
 - (2) The warm-up procedure for all varsity games (regular season and WIAA tournament series) is as follows:

15:00	Warmup Begins - Officials enter court and go directly to positions to supervise pregame warm-up.
12:00	Officials conduct pregame meeting with team captains.
10:00	Officials proceed to scorable and check scorebooks, brief scorer and timer, check game ball for NFHS authenticating mark, and check alternating-possession arrow.
1:30	Officials introduce themselves to coaching staff and inquire about legality of player equipment. Remove jackets and prepare to begin game.
0:00	National Anthem or Pledge of Allegiance followed by introduction of players.
 - (3) Introduction of Players - All five starters of the visiting team shall be introduced first followed by the five starters for the home team. Players shall not seek out the opposing coach to shake his/her hand.
- c. The school of a player who breaks a backboard is responsible for replacing the board.
- d. Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms, which are now unapproved, provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- e. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA

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