

MPSSAA GIRLS' BASKETBALL RULES

MODIFICATIONS

MPSSAA GIRLS' BASKETBALL WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE **RULES OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS**. HOWEVER , THE RULES WILL BE MODIFIED IN TWO (2) WAYS:

- 1. GIRLS WILL USE A 30-SECOND SHOT CLOCK.*
- 2. GIRLS WILL NOT HAVE A TEN (10) SECOND COUNT TO MOVE THE BALL FROM BACK COURT TO FRONT COURT.*

SHOT CLOCK GUIDELINES

1. A SHOT CLOCK TRY FOR FIELD GOAL IS DEFINED AS THE BALL HAVING LEFT THE PLAYER'S HAND(S) BEFORE THE SOUNDING OF THE SHOT-CLOCK HORN AND SUBSEQUENTLY STRIKING THE BASKET RING OR ENTERING THE BASKET.
2. THE TEAM IN CONTROL SHALL ATTEMPT A TRY FOR GOAL WITHIN **30 SECONDS** AFTER GAINING TEAM CONTROL.
3. THE SHOT CLOCK IS USED FOR THE ENTIRE GAME, INCLUDING OVERTIME.
4. THE SHOT CLOCK OPERATOR SHOULD USE A TIMING DEVICE WITH HORN DIFFERENT FROM THE GAME CLOCK.
5. THE SHOT CLOCK SHOULD **START WHEN A PLAYER INBOUNDS TOUCHES THE BALL ON A THROW-IN OR WHEN A TEAM INITIALLY GAINS POSSESSION OF THE BALL AFTER A JUMP BALL, REBOUND, OR LOOSE BALL.**
6. THE SHOT CLOCK SHOULD BE STOPPED AND RESET WHEN TEAM CONTROL IS ESTABLISHED AFTER A TRY FOR GOAL STRIKES THE BASKET RING, A FOUL, OR WHEN A VIOLATION OCCURS.

7. THE SHOT CLOCK SHOULD STOP BUT CONTINUE WITH NO RESET UNDER THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:
- (1) BALL IS DEFLECTED OUT OF BOUNDS BY A DEFENSIVE PLAYER
 - (2) A PLAYER IS INJURED OR LOSES A CONTACT LENS
 - (3) A CHARGED TIME-OUT HAS CONCLUDED
 - (4) DURING TEAM CONTROL, A DEFENSIVE PLAYER CAUSES A HELD BALL AND THE ARROW FAVORS THE OFFENSIVE TEAM.

THE OFFENSIVE TEAM UPON REGAINING POSSESSION OF THE BALL FOR THE THROW-IN SHALL HAVE THE UNEXPIRED TIME TO ATTEMPT A SHOT.

8. THE SHOT CLOCK SHALL BE TURNED OFF WHEN THE GAME CLOCK SHOWS LESS TIME THAN A SHOT-CLOCK PERIOD.

10-SECOND COUNT/ BACK COURT

IN EFFECT, THE GIRLS' MODIFICATION TO THE TIME LIMIT ALLOWS A TEAM TO HOLD THE BALL IN THEIR BACKCOURT FOR THE ENTIRE 30 SECONDS OF THE SHOT CLOCK. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ONCE THE BALL HAS MOVED ACROSS THE MID-COURT LINE INTO FRONT COURT, FRONT AND BACKCOURT RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE EMPHASIZED THAT **A CLOSELY GUARDED SITUATION CAN ONLY OCCUR WHEN A PLAYER IN CONTROL OF THE BALL IS CLOSELY GUARDED IN HER FRONT COURT.**

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