



2020-21 MAJOR BASKETBALL RULES DIFFERENCES (Men's and Women's)



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Administrative Warnings	Issued for non-major infractions of coaching-box rule, disrespectfully addressing an official, attempting to influence an official's decision, inciting undesirable crowd reactions, entering the court without permission, or standing at the team bench.	Men – Only for the head coach being outside the coaching box and certain delay-of-game situations. Women – Same as Men plus minor conduct violations of misconduct guidelines by any bench personnel.
Bonus Free Throws One-and-One Bonus Double Bonus Team Fouls Reset	On the seventh team foul. On the 10 th team foul. End of the first half.	Men – Same as NFHS. Women – No one-and-one bonus. Men – Same as NFHS. Women – On fifth team foul. Men – Same as NFHS. Women – End of first, second and third periods.
Blood/Contacts	Player with blood directed to leave game (may remain in game with charged time-out); player with lost/irritated contacts may remain in game with reasonable time to correct.	Men – Player with blood may remain in game if remedied within 20 seconds. Lost/irritated contact within reasonable time. Women – Player with may remain in game if remedied within 20 seconds or charged timeout to correct blood or contacts.
Coaching Box Size Loss of Use	State option, 28-foot box maximum. If head coach is charged with a direct or indirect technical foul.	Both – Extends from 38-foot line to end line. Both – No rule.
Delay-of-Game Warnings	One warning for any of the four delay-of-game situations; subsequent delay for any of four results in a technical foul.	Men – One warning for any of the four delay-of-game situations; a repeated warning for the same delay or after the second warning of any category, a Class B technical foul shall be assessed. Women – One warning for each delay-of-game situation; subsequent delay for that situation results in a technical foul.
Disqualification/Ejection Players/Bench Personnel	Disqualification – Fifth foul (personal fouls and technical fouls). Ejection – Single flagrant foul; second technical foul.	Men – Disqualification – Fifth foul (personal fouls and Class A technical fouls) Ejection – Second Class A or third Class B technical foul or single Flagrant 2 foul. Women – Disqualification – Same as NFHS. Ejection – Single disqualifying foul, second technical foul, second intentional foul or combination of one technical and one intentional foul
Player Participates After Disqualification/Ejection	Direct technical foul charged to head coach	Men – Noncontact Flagrant 2 technical foul charged to offender. Women – Disqualifying foul charged to offender.
Replacement Interval	15 seconds, horn at the end of the interval.	Both – 15 seconds.

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Double Foul	Point of interruption for all double fouls.	<p>Men – If differing in severity, both penalties are assessed with most severe last.</p> <p>Women – Point of interruption for double/simultaneous personal fouls and fouls of equal gravity by opponents. When penalties are unequal, most severe penalty assessed last.</p>
Fighting	Ejection. The head coach and any number of assistant coaches may enter court to stop fight or prevent escalation.	<p>Both – Ejection. One-game suspension followed by season suspension for second offense (team and coaches).</p> <p>Men – Only the head coach may enter court.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS.</p>
Fouls Types Count Towards	<p>Personal (double, false, multiple and simultaneous), Technical (double, false, multiple and simultaneous), Intentional Personal, Intentional Technical, Flagrant Personal and Flagrant Technical fouls.</p> <p>Personal, technical and intentional (personal and technical) fouls count toward team-foul total, disqualification and ejection; and flagrant (personal and technical) fouls count toward team-foul total and ejection.</p>	<p>Men – Personal (double, false, multiple and simultaneous), Technical (administrative, double, false, multiple and simultaneous), Flagrant 1 Personal, Contact Dead-Ball Technical, Flagrant 2 Personal and Flagrant 2 Technical fouls.</p> <p>Women – Personal (double and simultaneous), Intentional, Technical and Disqualifying fouls.</p> <p>Men – Personal, Class A technical and contact dead-ball technical fouls count toward team-foul total, disqualification and ejection; and flagrant 2 (personal and technical) fouls count toward team-foul total and ejection.</p> <p>Women – Personal, intentional and technical fouls (excluding administrative technicals) count toward team-foul total, disqualification and ejection; and disqualifying fouls count toward team-foul total and ejection.</p>
Free Throw Free-Thrower Injured	Normal substitution permitted.	<p>Men – Substitute shoots free throws when injured player cannot as result of a flagrant foul or blood. Otherwise opposing coach selects from four remaining players.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS.</p>
Goaltending	Player touches the ball during a try/tap while it is in its downward flight entirely above the basket-ring level and has the possibility of entering the basket in flight.	<p>Men – Same as NFHS and includes a ball that is touched after it contacts the backboard when any part of the ball is above the basket-ring level – considered to be on its downward flight.</p> <p>Women – Same as Men except ball must be entirely</p>

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		above the basket-ring level.
<p>Game Clock</p> <p>Length of Quarter/Period/ Half</p> <p>Length of Extra Period</p> <p>Deflection Under a Minute</p> <p>Stop Clock After Successful Field Goal</p> <p>Game Forfeiture</p>	<p>Four eight-minute quarters.</p> <p>Four minutes.</p> <p>No rule.</p> <p>No rule.</p> <p>When coach is DQ'ed from the bench area and there is no other school personnel present to assume responsibility for the team</p>	<p>Men – 20-minute halves.</p> <p>Women – Four 10-minute periods.</p> <p>Both – Five minutes.</p> <p>Both – No less than 0.3 seconds must expire when ball is legally touched and the clock is immediately stopped by an official.</p> <p>Men – After a made basket with less than one minute in second half or overtime.</p> <p>Women – After a made basket with less than one minute in fourth period or overtime.</p>
<p>Guarding</p> <p>Airborne Defender Exception</p> <p>Closely Guarded</p> <p>Legal Position</p> <p>Maintaining Legal Position</p>	<p>No exception.</p> <p>Holding or dribbling.</p> <p>May be established anywhere on the court.</p> <p>May move laterally or obliquely to maintain position, as long as not toward opponent when contact occurs and may turn or duck to absorb imminent contact.</p>	<p>Men – Allowed to move forward when clearly will not make contact on shooter.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS.</p> <p>Both – Holding only.</p> <p>Men – Secondary defender may not establish initial legal-guarding position in four-foot restricted area under the basket to draw an offensive foul on ballhandler or a player who released the ball on pass or a try.</p> <p>Women – Same as Men except when the play starts outside the LDB and using a four-foot restricted area.</p> <p>Men – Same as NFHS except secondary defenders cannot move sideways to maintain on an airborne shooter or passer.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS except a defender may not reposition into the path of an airborne player.</p>
Jump Ball	Re-jump must be by players involved before team control is established.	Both – Re-jump by any two players.
Non-Playing Personnel	Not permitted on playing area during a 30-second or less time-out. Not permitted to stand in free-throw lane area extended out of bounds.	Both – Permitted on the playing court only during full timeouts, and media timeouts.
Officials on Court – Jurisdiction Begins	15 minutes before start and remain for duration of pregame.	Men – 20 minutes before start. Women – 15 minutes before start.

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		Both – At least one official must remain on the court when team members are present.
Player Out of Bounds	Violation ruled as soon as player leaves the court for an unauthorized reason.	Both – Violation ruled when a player returns and is the first to touch the ball inbounds unless the player's momentum carried them out of bounds.
Post play	An extended arm bar is not allowed.	Men – Equal pressure on post player allowed with one forearm. Women – A forearm or one hand is allowed on post player in control of the ball with her back to the basket.
Replaced Team Member	Next opportunity after clock has properly started following his/her replacement.	Men – Can re-enter when opponent commits a violation or foul before the clock has properly started or substitution results from an officiating or scorer's error. Women – Can re-enter when opponent commits a violation or foul before the clock has properly started.
Screener Location Width	Screener must be on the playing court. Vertical plane with a stance approximately shoulder width apart.	Both – Screener must be in-bounds. Both – Inside of screener's feet no wider than shoulder width.
Shot Clock Reset	No rule. No rule.	Both – 30 seconds. Men – No reset on out-of-bounds violations. Full reset on change of possession, try striking the ring or flange and backcourt fouls. Women - - No reset on out-of-bounds violations. Full reset on change of possession Both – 20-second reset or time remaining on the shot clock, whichever is greater, on a defensive foul or violation with play to resume in frontcourt. 20-second reset on offensive rebound in the frontcourt
Team Control Definition Loose Ball	Team is in control when a player is in control, when a live ball is passed among teammates, during an interrupted dribble, when the ball is at the disposal of a thrower-in. No rule.	Men – Same as NFHS. Women – Same as NFHS. Men – When a player holding/dribbling the ball fumbles, a defender bats/deflects the ball out of

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Free Throws Shot	Never shot on a team-control foul.	<p>offensive player's control or following a try being released.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS.</p> <p>Men – When offended team is in bonus following a loose-ball foul.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS.</p>
<p>Technical Fouls</p> <p>Types</p> <p>Head Coaches</p> <p>One-Shot Technical</p> <p>Count Toward</p> <p>Resuming Play</p>	<p>Team, Player, Substitute, Bench, Direct and Indirect technical fouls</p> <p>Direct and Indirect technical fouls – Direct for the coach's behavior. Indirect for penalty to bench personnel; includes pregame or dead-ball dunking.</p> <p>No rule.</p> <p>Team-foul total. Disqualification – five personal fouls (all team members). Ejection – two technical fouls (all team personnel).</p> <p>Throw-in to offended team at division line opposite the scorer's table.</p>	<p>Men – Class A and Class B technical fouls.</p> <p>Women – Administrative, Player/ Substitute and Bench technical fouls.</p> <p>Men – Class A and Class B, no penalty for pregame or dead-ball dunking.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS, except no penalty for pregame/halftime dunking.</p> <p>Men – Administrative (except excessive timeouts and more than five players) and Class B technical fouls.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS.</p> <p>Men – Class A technical fouls count toward team-foul total, disqualification and ejection, Class B technical fouls count toward ejection; administrative technical fouls do not count toward team-foul totals.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS, except administrative technical fouls do not count toward team-foul totals.</p> <p>Men – Point of interruption when the ball is in the backcourt and is retained by the offense. When the defense gains possession, use Rule 7-3.2. When the ball is in the frontcourt, use procedures in Rule 7-3.2.</p> <p>Women – Same as NFHS for player/substitute and bench technical fouls; point of interruption for administrative technical fouls except for excessive timeout – point of interruption to offended team.</p>
Ten-Second Rule	Must advance from backcourt. Count starts on player control.	Both – Must advance from backcourt. Count starts on legal touch of a throw-in and on control for rebounds and jump balls.
Reset	Reset on new throw-in.	Both – No count reset when defense causes out-of-bounds violation, team in control retains possession after a held ball or a technical foul assessed to the

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		<p>team in control. Men –Reset on timeout by team in control. Women – No reset when defense causes out-of-bounds violation, team in control retains possession after a held ball or an administrative technical foul is assessed to the team in control.</p>
Three-Second Violation	One foot out and one in the air is considered out of the free-throw lane to avoid a three-second violation.	<p>Men – Same as NFHS. Women – Both feet must be placed on the court outside the free-throw lane to avoid a three-second violation.</p>
<p>Throw-in 28-Foot Line Throw-in</p> <p>Opponent Crosses Plane</p> <p>Designated-Spot</p>	<p>No rule.</p> <p>May not cross boundary plane until ball has been released by thrower – violation and team warning, followed by technical foul.</p> <p>Nearest spot of foul/violation when not in the bonus (either on sideline or end line).</p>	<p>Men – Same as NFHS. Women – Upon a timeout during the last 59.9 seconds in the fourth or extra period when the ball in the backcourt is out of bounds after a made basket, after securing a rebound (no dribble or pass) or after a change of possession (no dribble or pass), the offense may choose to advance the ball to the frontcourt 28-foot line opposite the table or tableside for ensuing throw-in. Men – May not cross boundary plane until ball has crossed boundary plane – violation. Women – Same as Men except team warning followed by technical foul. Men – Same as NFHS when in backcourt or any change of possession. When in frontcourt after defensive foul/violation on same side of court as foul/violation either at 28-foot line when above diagonal from corners to intersections of the free-throw line and free-throw lane line (elbows) or three feet from free-throw lane line extended along the end line. Women – Same as NFHS except for a single personal foul or intentionally kicked/fisted ball by the defense in the offensive frontcourt when the throw-in is at the nearest 28-foot mark or lower defensive box mark.</p>
Time-out(s) Excessive	Technical foul.	<p>Men – Two shots and point of interruption. Women – Two shots and possession to opponents.</p>
Number and Length	Three 60-second and two 30-second time-outs.	<p>Men Media – Three 30-second and one 60-second</p>

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Reduction

Reduced if both teams are ready.

Request

Recognized when a player is in control.

Player or coach can request.

Resuming Play

Resumption-of-play procedure.

team timeouts. A team granted timeout at or under 30 seconds or an instant replay occurs at or under 30 seconds of media mark or when it created the first stoppage at or below the media mark becomes the media timeout.

Men Non-Media – Four 75-second and two 30-second timeouts.

Women Media – Three 30-second and one 60-second. A team timeout at any time above the media mark goes to media. The first team-granted timeout of second half goes to media.

Women Non-Media – Three 30-second and two 60-second timeouts.

Both – Reduced if granted team notifies official, unless timeout becomes an electronic-media timeout.

Both – Same as NFHS, except shall not be recognized when an airborne player's momentum carries him/her out-of-bounds or into backcourt.

Men – Coaches shall not be granted a timeout during live-ball play. Exception: The coach whose team is in control on a throw-in before the ball is released or in the last two minutes of the second period or the last two minutes of any overtime period.

Women – Same as NFHS.

Both – Team warning, followed by resumption-of-play procedure.

Uniforms

Jersey Color

Home shall wear white and visitor a contrasting dark color.

Both – Home shall wear light and visitor a contrasting dark color, except altered by mutual consent.

Jersey Design

Torso defined by area from base of neckline to bottom of jersey and from side insert to side insert; no design restrictions outside torso.

Both – Neutral zone measured five inches from top of shoulder to bottom of jersey and 12 inches in width from center of neckline (front and back); only name/number and 15 percent tonal color shift permitted in neutral zone; no design restrictions outside neutral zone.

Worn

Jerseys designed to be worn outside the pants permitted; jerseys/pants may not be removed within visual confines of playing area.

Both – Jerseys worn outside the game pants prohibited; no rule regarding removal.

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Penalty for Illegal Jersey/ Number	Direct technical foul charged to head coach.	Both – Administrative technical foul.
Pants/Shorts	No rule.	Both – The perceptible majority of shorts must be the same color of the neutral zone.
Undergarments	Black, white, beige or the predominant color of the <i>jersey</i> .	Men – Black, white, beige or color of game shorts. Women - Black, white, beige or any color contained in jersey.
Undershirt	Individual player must have same length sleeves. Long sleeves permitted. One visible manufacturer’s logo/trademark/reference is permitted. Same color as jersey, if visible.	Men – Same as NFHS but sleeves not to extend below the elbow and no logos permitted . Women – Same as NFHS.
Arm Sleeves, Headbands/Wristbands, Leg/Knee Sleeves, Compression Shorts and Tights Teammates Matching	White, black, beige or the predominant color of the <i>jersey</i> . All headbands, wristbands, sleeves and tights worn must be same color.	Both – All must be a solid color and white, black, beige or any color contained in the game jersey. Both – Headband and wristbands must match. Arm sleeves do not have to match leg/knee sleeves, nor do they need to match headbands/wristbands.
Videotape	Legal to use during the game or intermission for coaching bench personnel.	Illegal to use at courtside.

NOTE: These differences do not include court markings; equipment; officials’ signals and mechanics, etc.

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