



Basketball Rules Changes - 2020-21

TIMER'S DUTIES 2-12-5: The intent of the rule change is to avoid gamesmanship and ensure the time for replacement remains within the rules. This rule change makes 2-12-5 consistent with 2-12-4 "second horn" requirement.

Rationale: The addition of a warning signal at the end of the replacement period admonishes the coach and team to prepare for resumption of the game.

FORFEITURE, PROTEST, INTERRUPTED GAME 5-4-1, 2: When a coach has been removed, this rule clarifies that if no other coach or school personnel are available, then the game is forfeited unless state association rules determine otherwise.

Rationale: Rewritten to clarify the forfeiture process and adds language and a new article to give directions when there is no coach or other school personnel, on the bench.

HEAD COACH'S RULE 10-6-Penalty: To clarify that officials are not required to issue a warning prior to issuing a technical foul. However, they may issue a warning when the offense is judged not to be major.

Rationale: To clarify the official does not have to give a warning to the coach. The warning is one of the tools used to help improve behavior before a technical foul has to be given.

MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES – 2020-21

Beginning, Ending a Quarter or Extra Period 5-6-2 Exception 4: If a technical foul occurs after the ball becomes dead to end a quarter or extra period, the next quarter or extra period is started by administering the free throws. If the fourth quarter or extra period ends and the score is tied, the free throws will start the extra period. If the score is not tied and result of the free throws would tie or win the game, the free throws are administered as part of the preceding quarter/period.

Rationale: To make it clearer what happens if a technical foul is given after the game has expired before the officials leave the court.

Points of Emphasis – 2020-21

- Block/Charge
- Use of Proper Signals and The Reporting Area
- Palming/Carrying
- Clarification of Intentional and Flagrant Fouls