**2021- 2022 NFHS NYSPHSAA RULES MODIFICATIONS**

**CONCUSSION RULE:**

* A player who has been removed from the game after exhibiting signs and symptoms consistent with a concussion **shall not return to the game**. Refer to Rule **2-8-5; 3-3-8** and **Appendix C, page 81**.

**TIME OUTS:**

* Four - 60-second time-outs: May be used anytime during any quarter or extra period.
* Two - 30-second time-outs: Only one 30-second time out may be used during the first half. Only one 30-second time out may be used during the second half or any extra period.

**COACHING BOX RULE:**

* If no lines define coaching box areas, floor tape shall be applied by home management marking the areas. During play, coaches must be within the confines of the coaching boxes. They are not allowed to stand or coach outside the coaching boxes or be in front of the scorer’s and timer’s table. **Head coaches maintain the coaching box privileges throughout the game.**

**UNIFORMS & TEAM MEMBER’S EQUIPMENT, APPAREL:**

* 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***.
* Team Member’s Equipment and Apparel rule **shall** be enforced. Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves, compression shorts, head bands and wrist bands ***all shall be the same color*** (except knee braces). The only allowable colors are, ***white, black, beige, or the predominant color of the jersey***. Undershirts shall be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey. (**RULE 3-5-3,4&6).**

**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).

 **BACKCOURT COUNT REMINDER:**

* **Under NFHS rules, officials are still** required to show a 10-second backcourt count. **This also applies in games utilizing a shot clock and regardless of how much time is on the shot clock.**

**SHOT CLOCK (See the complete shot clock guidelines on pages 71-74):**

* **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** when it displays 19 seconds or less and a ***defensive*** ***player*** intentionally kicks
or fists the ball or intentionally leaves the court. (The penalty for intentionally leaving the court is a violation and a throw-
in awarded to the offended team at the spot of the violation). The official will show the number two (2) with the right hand and a clenched fist for zero (0) with the left hand alerting the shot clock operator to set the shot clock to **20 seconds** when it displays 19 seconds or less.
* The shot clock **will not** get reset when it displays **20 seconds or more** and a ***defensive player*** intentionally kicks or fists the ball or intentionally leaves the court. (The penalty for intentionally leaving the court is a violation and a throw-in awarded to the offended team at the spot of the violation).
* The shot clock **will not** get reset when a **double foul** is ruled and **one team is in control** of the ball. Play shall be resumed by awarding a throw-in to the team that was last in control of the ball at the spot nearest to where the ball was located when the stoppage occurred - 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, the game will be played using the remaining shot clock. If neither shot clock is working, the game will be played using 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 refuse to play without a shot clock, no game will be played.

**REFERE’S PREGAME DUTIES WITH HEAD COACHES AND CAPTAINS:**

* Verify with the head coach, prior to each contest, that his/her team members’ 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**).
* **AS MANDATED BY NYSPHSAA, OFFICIALS SHALL READ THE SPORTSMANSHIP CARD, WORD FOR WORD, TO THE TEAM CAPTAINS AND HEAD COACHES AT ALL LEVELS PRIOR TO EACH GAME.**