

National Federation of State High School Associations



2011-12 Basketball Rules Revisions

Major Rules Changes

1. The center restraining circle specifications were changed to permit a minimum of a ¼-inch-wide single line but a line no wider than 2 inches to designate the outer edge of the circle. Contrasting colored-floor areas are still permissible.
2. Arm compression sleeves must be white, black, beige or a single solid school color. They also should be the same color for each team member and have only a single manufacturer's logo that does not exceed 2¼ square inches. Arm compression sleeves must still be worn for medical purposes.
3. Team control now exists during a throw-in when the thrower-in has the ball at his/her disposal. The change primarily affects how foul penalties will be administered.

Major Editorial Changes

1. Revisions were made to the basket-ring rules, including a recommendation that basket rings be inspected for rules compliance.
2. Administrative responsibilities of game officials through the completion of required reports were clarified.
3. It is recommended that the visiting team's dark jersey be the darker of the school's color scheme – or black.
4. State associations may grant exceptions to NFHS playing rules for participants with disabilities, special needs and/or extenuating circumstances.
5. The definition of an intentional foul was clarified and reorganized.

6. Rule 5 sections related to charged time-outs were consolidated and reorganized.
7. Alternating-possession throw-in situations were clarified.
8. Penalty administration was clarified regarding when single fouls occur as part of a multiple free-throw situation and when a double foul occurs as part of a multiple free-throw situation.
9. When an opponent contacts the thrower-in, an intentional foul shall be charged to the offender.

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