

To: OHSAA Basketball Officials

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Re: Updates on Point Differential and Plays of the Week - Week 3

Reminders and Updates on Point Differential (Running Clock)

1 – Only used during the second half of a contest.

2 – If you foresee a chance that the point differential may come into play during the second half, please review the mechanics of the point differential with your timer during halftime.

2 – All free throws will be completed at end of 3rd quarter, even if time runs out.

3 – When time expires at the end of the 4th quarter, the game is over, period. No additional free throws will be attempted.

Also here is the language in full that will be written in the basketball regulations once updated:

Rule 5, Section 5, Article 3 - Note in the NFHS Rule Book states: A state association, by adoption, may institute a running clock when a specified point differential is reached at a specific time in the game." Ohio has adopted this rule and is defined as follows:

*Any time a score differential reaches 35 points **during the second half**, a running clock will be utilized. After the 35-point differential has been met but the score drops below 30 points, the clock reverts to regular timing. Should a game reach the 35-point differential in the second half, the clock shall only be stopped for an injured player on the court, team timeouts or when there is an unusual delay deemed necessary by the contest officials.*

Here are this week's "Plays of the Week - Week 3".

LOSS OF ARROW

6.4.5 (A): Team A is awarded the ball for a throw-in under the alternating procedure. A1 commits a violation. What happens to the alternating possession arrow?

- A. Team B will get the throw-in for the violation and Team B will also get the alternating possession arrow.
- B. Team B will get the throw-in for the violation, but Team A will keep the alternating possession arrow.

HELD BALL ON THROW-IN – NO ARROW CHANGE

6.4.5 (B): During an alternating possession throw-in, thrower A1 holds the ball through the end-line plane and B1 grabs it, resulting in a held ball. How do we proceed?

- A. Still Team A's ball since the throw-in had not ended.
- B. Team B's ball for a throw-in since Team A was attempting a throw-in for an alternating possession. Team A will have the next alternating possession arrow.
- C. Team B's ball for a throw-in and Team B maintains the alternating possession arrow.

JUMPERS FACING WRONG DIRECTION

5.2.1 (E): During the pregame practice period, the visiting team properly uses the east goal and the home team the west goal. The officials, by mistake, allow the jumpers to face the wrong direction to start the game. A1 controls the tap by tapping the ball back to A2. A2, realizing that he/she has warmed up at the basket behind A1, dribbles to that basket and scores an uncontested basket.

A. Score the basket by Team A. Team B's ball out-of-bounds. Officials should stop the game and emphasize to both teams the proper direction.

B. Do not score the basket by Team A and restart the game with the jumpers facing the correct way.

C. Allow Team B to have an opportunity on offense and then stop the game and emphasize the correct direction to each team.

FREE THROW LANE SPACE REGULATIONS

9.1.3 (I): The official administering a free throw awarded to A1 places the ball at his/her disposal. A1, who is inside the free throw semicircle leaves the semicircle to confer with a teammate.

A. Violation. Team B spot throw-in at a spot nearest the violation.

B. Violation. Team B has a throw-in anywhere along the baseline.

C. No violation and A1 may continue his/her free throw.

OVERTIME (2 Quarters of JV)

Team A and Team B are playing only two (2) quarters of the JV game due to the limited number of players. After the second quarter has ended, the score is 13-13. Is overtime permitted?

A. Overtime **is not** permitted as overtime is only an extension of the fourth quarter.

B. Overtime **is** permitted and it's an extension of the second quarter according to OHSAA adoption.

Answers: Q1-A; Q2-A; Q3-A; Q4-A; Q5-B

