



Ohio High School Athletic Association

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NFHS Questionnaire: You have been invited to take part in the NFHS rules-writing process by taking the annual basketball rules questionnaire. This questionnaire is provided so the opinions of a national sampling of registered officials and coaches will be considered by the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL CLOSE ON March 2, 2020

To participate in the questionnaire process, please follow the link below to the questionnaire menu and select basketball to complete the rules questionnaire. You are NOT required to log in to complete this questionnaire. We thank you in advance for your participation.

<http://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/nfhs-sport-questionnaires/>

Ejection Numbers (to date):

Our ejections numbers are down, and I will continue to thank you as we work to continue the trend of decreased ejections across all sports and levels. We really do want to work in a partnership with the officials to make sure that there is a mutual respect, and ability to communicate within the game. Basketball Numbers- 175, 52 of which are coaches. Down from this time last year when there were 209 ejections, with 57 of those were coaches.

Freshmen Tournament Games

Though this has been addressed directly to head basketball coaches, this is just a reminder that any tournament game played at the freshmen level MUST be included within the 22 games permitted to be scheduled by freshmen teams.

Boys Schedule Date Changes—APPROVED Last month

In 2020-21 the season will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 25, instead of Friday, Nov. 27. In 2021-22, the season will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 24, instead of Friday, Nov. 26. The changes move the start of the season to the day before Thanksgiving instead of the day after Thanksgiving. There are no changes to the start of practice

All-Star Games

When you think about it – ANY event outside the season is simply a **non-interscholastic event**. An “AAU” tournament in April, a ‘travel ball’ game in early May are both non-interscholastic events. An All-Star game by whatever name it goes by is nothing more than the same thing. So, **all non-interscholastic rules apply**.

Off-Season Basketball – Regulations Affecting Coaches and Players

There are regulations for PLAYERS and regulations for COACHES.

First, as it relates to PLAYERS:

- In any out-of-season basketball, there is a limit of 2 players that played for the school team the previous season on the same NON-school basketball team. IF the individual did not play for the school team last year – he/she does not count in that total of ‘2’.
- IF a transfer comes to your school anytime between now and the end of the start of next season, he/she counts in the number of 2 that played for YOUR school team as soon as he/she enrolls in your school AND if they played at the previous school.
- 7/8 graders are considered one classification and 9-12 are another classification. In other words, there can be a total of 2 7/8 graders on a team and a total of 2- 9 through 12 graders on the same team.
- The ‘2 player’ limit is not in effect from June 1 through July 31.

Secondly, as it relates to COACHES:

- NO Coaching is permitted until the mandatory 28 day no-contact period is over. I cannot help that the AAU season does not match up to the mandated no-contact period – you simply need to wait.
- School coaches may now coach players from their own school teams in non-school basketball outside the season. I repeat that you cannot do so until the no-contact period is over AND as identified in the regulation for players – not more than 2 per team.

TWO GREAT RESOURCES:

Advice for AAU Coaches & Teams: <http://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/Basketball-Girls/Rebounders-Report-AAU-Advice.pdf>

Off-Season Regulations: <http://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/Basketball-Boys/OffseasonFAQ.pdf>