



**New York State  
Girls Basketball Officials  
Association, Inc.**

**NYS Woman's Basketball Changes 2013 - 2014**

**New Shot Clock Period After Double Personal Fouls (Rule 2-11.6).**

After any double personal fouls and one of the fouls is a flagrant 1 or 2 foul, the team entitled to the throw-in shall receive a new shot clock period.

*This is consistent with other rules.*

**Substitutes During Free Throws (Rule 3-4.2).**

Between free throws for a technical foul or flagrant fouls, only substitutes required by rule shall be permitted to enter the game before the final attempt. All other substitutes shall be permitted to enter the game only before the first attempt or after the final attempt.

*Rule change will speed up the game.*

**Uniforms (Rule 3-5.5).**

Allow other words or names besides a player or institutional name/mascot on the back of the game jersey. No commercial advertising will be allowed.

*Rule change will allow schools more latitude to celebrate or memorialize Person(s) or events.*

**Undergarments (Rule 3-6.1).**

Allow players to wear long-sleeved shirts made of compression-type material under the game jersey without having to request a medical waiver.

The shirts must be a color similar to that of the game jersey and meet all other undershirt restrictions.

*Each year, there is an increase in the number of players with medical conditions that requires them to wear long sleeves. There is no reason not to permit players to wear these shirts. This will put the responsibility back on the coaches regarding how players should look on the floor, and it removes a rule that has no impact on how the game is played or officiated.*

**Undergarments (Rule 3-6.1).**

Allow players to wear full-length tights under the game shorts without having to request a medical waiver. The tights must be black, white, beige or the color of the game shorts.

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#### **Players' Equipment (Rule 3-9.9).**

The use of an arm sleeve, knee sleeve and lower leg sleeve is permissible and does not need to be verified by team medical personnel that it be used for medical reasons only. These sleeves must be a solid color. The arm sleeve may be black, white, beige or any color contained in the jersey and the same color must be worn by teammates. The sleeves on the leg (knee or lower leg) may be black, white, beige or the color of the game shorts and the same color must be worn by teammates.

*There was no need to have officials ask team medical personnel whether the sleeves were to be worn for medical reasons. In addition, multiple designs in arm and leg sleeves were creating too many variations in the uniform appearance of players. Further, multiple colors makes it hard for officials to distinguish players from each other.*

#### **Basket Interference (Rules 4-5 and 10-3.4).**

Causing the basket or backboard to vibrate when the ball is on or in the basket, on the backboard and/or is on or in the cylinder is basket interference.

*Current penalty for causing the backboard to vibrate is a technical foul to the offending player and a basket interference violation is less severe and still allows a basket to be scored or canceled.*

#### **Flagrant 1 Personal Foul (Rule 4-29.2.c).**

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It is a flagrant 1 personal foul for excessive contact to any player.

*There is a need for a flagrant 1 foul for excessive contact when not playing the ball. A current rule exists for excessive contact when playing the ball.*

#### **Live Ball and Dead Ball (Rule 6-6.3).**

A try in flight shall not become dead when a shooter's teammate excessively swings elbows without making contact.

*Excessively swinging elbows without making contact, when committed by a teammate of the shooter while the ball is in flight, should not cause a successful try to be canceled. Under the current penalty, a violation is more severe than a foul.*

#### **10-Second Back Court (Rule 9-10).**

Adopt a 10-second backcourt count while still maintaining the 30-second shot clock.

*To increase offensive scoring opportunities, reward defensive strategies and cause offensive teams to have to increase the pace of play from the back court to the front court.*

#### **Counting the 10-Second Back Court (Rule 9-10).**

Start the 10-second backcourt count when a player on the floor legally touches the ball, not on possession, thereby allowing the officials to use the shot clock to count time for a 10-second violation.

*\*\*\*NYS Modification...Mechanic—Official will use a visual count, in addition to the shot clock.*

#### **Closely Guarded (Rule 9-13.2).**

A player holding the ball in her frontcourt only is closely guarded when her opponent is in a guarding stance at a distance not exceeding six feet (current rule is three feet). This distance shall be measured from the forward foot or feet of the defender to the forward foot or feet of the opponent.

*The adoption of the 10-second backcourt violation count, there was no need for a closely guarded count on a hold in the backcourt. In addition, extending the closely guarded distance from three to six feet will encourage defenders to not have to guard the ball handler so closely, which should decrease contact on the dribbler.*

### **Elbow Fouls (Rule 10-1.13).**

Illegal contact caused by the swinging of the elbow(s) and/or contact with the elbow that: (a) Results from total body movement is a common or flagrant 1 personal foul; (b) is excessive per Rule 4-36.7 is a flagrant 2 foul; (c) Occurs above or below the shoulders of an opponent is a common, flagrant 1 or flagrant 2 personal foul.

*Having illegal elbow contact above the shoulders of an opponent was an automatic flagrant 1 personal foul which resulted in two shots and the ball to the offended team. This left no option for an 'elbow' foul above the shoulders that was less severe to be called a common foul. This will allow officials to penalize illegal elbow contact above the shoulders with a common, flagrant 1 personal or flagrant 2 personal foul when it occurs during a live ball.*

### **Bench Technical Fouls (Rule 10-4.1).**

It is a flagrant 2 foul when bench personnel cause contact that is unnecessary, unacceptable, excessive or extreme during a live or dead ball.

*There is currently not a rule to penalize illegal contact by bench personnel without charging someone on the bench with a fight which requires a one-game suspension. This would permit a flagrant 2 foul to be called on this type of foul without a one-game suspension.*

### **Bench Technical Fouls (Rule 10-4.1.a).**

It is a flagrant 2 foul for a player and/or bench personnel to disrespectfully contact an official.

*Players and/or anyone on the bench contacting officials will be ejected when they disrespectfully contact an official. While this has typically been the practice, there is no rule in place to support this ejection.*

### **Bench Personnel in a Fight Situation (Rule 10-4.8).**

In addition to the head coach, permit one assistant coach to leave the bench area in a fight situation. It is recommended that coaches only touch their own players when separating players in a fight situation.

*Having more than one coach on the floor in a fight situation can serve to resolve the altercation and keep players safe. Having the other assistant coaches remain in the bench area will keep team personnel from entering the playing court.*

### **Point of Interruption (Rule 4-27.1)**

Art. 1. Point of interruption is the point in the game in which a stoppage of play occurs. The point of interruption is based on location of ball and the team in control and is used to resume play because of:

- a. An official's inadvertent whistle, as in Rules 4-20 and 7-4.15
- b. An interrupted game, as in Rule 5-4
- c. A correctable error, as in Rule 2-12.1
- d. Any double foul or simultaneous personal foul, as in Rule 4-15 unless one of the fouls is a flagrant foul.
- e. Any technical fouls.