

# South Dakota High School Activities Association

## 2018-2019 Basketball

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#### Finally, Game Day Has Come Make The Most Of It

As officials and coaches it is important to start the year off correctly. This means making sure players are properly equipped. This is primarily the responsibility of the coach to handle before the game starts. Officials during the pre-game warm up watch players and look for proper uniforms and legal equipment. If players do not match or have something illegal they must have it removed before the game or the player will not be allowed to participate. Officials talk to coaches before the game if you have concerns and get them taken care of before players enter the game.

If discovered while in the contest, the game will be stopped and the player will need to leave the game to correct the illegal equipment.



#### Basketball Rules Interpretations - 2018-19

**SITUATION:** As shown in picture above, the player has tucked the bottom of her shorts into the tights being worn.

**RULING:** ILLEGAL. The referee shall not allow the player to enter the game or direct the player to leave the game until the shorts are removed from inside the tights. After making the correction, the player may re-enter the game at the appropriate time for a substitution. A coach may not call a time-out to fix the problem; time will have to tick off the clock before the player will be allowed to return, once they have been directed to leave the contest. The uniform should be worn as the manufacturer intended it to be. (Rule 3-5-5)

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## COACHES RESPONSIBLE FOR DRESS/APPAREL

Officials must enforce that head coaches are responsible for making sure their players are wearing an legal uniform, and are subject to a team technical foul per 10-6-4 Penalty if they allow a player to participate while wearing an illegal unifom.

Coaches shall not allow players to wear illegal equipment or apparel. Should a team member participate while wearing illegal equipment or apparel, the penalty equals the player being removed from the game or not allowed to start the contest upon discovery. The coach is not charged a technical foul.

Illegal equipment/apparel includes sleeves, head bands, and undergarments. For example, a player has on a black compression sleeve and the other players have on white. That player with the black sleeve is asked to leave the contest and cannot return to the contest until fixed. Time will need to be ticked off the clock for that player to return and a time-out will not be allowed to be called to buy the player back in.

### Points of Emphasis

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## Responsibility for Proper Uniform and Apparel

It is the coach's role to ensure the players are properly informed. It is, therefore, incumbent on the coach to be sure the rules and restrictions have been reviewed by the team including, and especially, allowable accessories.

It is the officials' role to monitor the players and the uniform. This role begins in pre-game warm-ups, even when all of the uniform and accessories may not be visible. Communication with both coaches and players during this time may prevent unfortunate situations and their subsequent penalties. Violations cannot be ignored. When preventative monitoring can prevent a player from entering the game with non-compliant items, those steps should be taken. If that isn't possible, then proper penalties must be levied, whether it is against the player or the coach (dependent upon the rule).

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## Consistent Enforcement

It is important that we all consistently enforce the rules as written. We should not make up our own rules and enforcements based upon situations to not upset anyone.

You may think you are solving a problem; but the reality is you are probably creating two or three other problems, especially for those officials who follow you and are enforcing the rules as written. Selective enforcement of any rule compromises the integrity of the officials and must be eliminated.

The simple solution is to follow the rules, enforce them consistently and fairly and each team will respect your efforts. They may not like it, but they will respect it, because they know the rule is the rule.

Do it right---Be consistent and all our games will be better for it.

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## Two-Hand Foul Reporting

Following the proper stop-clock signals for a foul, officials shall use two hands to report the foul to the scorer.

When reporting, and double-digit numbers are involved, the officials shall display both numbers at the same time. Double digit should be announced. For example, announce 32 as “thirty-two” not “3-2.”

As per NFHS and SDHSAA standard, single digit numbers should be reported with the right-hand.

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## HEADBANDS

Headbands with knots and tails are not legal. Below is an example of an illegal headband.



**A HEADBAND CAN BE NO WIDER THAN 3 INCHES**

**Coaches** please inform your players these headbands are not legal and if worn will need to be removed prior to the player entering the contest.

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## Substitutions

Coaches remind your substitutes entering the contest, to report to the scorer at the location of the “**X**” on the floor in front of the scorer. Substitutes also need to wait at table until being beckoned onto the playing court by the basketball official.

Past years, basketball officials have seen a number of substitutes just slapping the corner of the scorer’s table as they run past and onto the playing court.

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## Shot Clock

For the 2018-19 basketball season, a 35-second shot clock is to be used for all SDHSAA basketball games.

Basketball officials and coaches will need to review the [Shot Clock Training PowerPoint](#) found on the SDHSAA web page. This presentation is for officials, coaches and for those who will be operating the shot clock on the procedures of using the shot clock. The information can be found on the SDHSAA Officials Page— Basketball.

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## Notice the Clock and Shot Clock

With all three classes using the shot clock during the 2018-19 basketball season there may be new shot clock operators.

Each time a whistle blows to stop the clock, quickly glance at the clock to see the time. Before glancing, however, make sure players' actions are under control; you don't want to look away from the players if there's a potential problem among them. The off-ball official may have a better chance to glance more quickly since that official is not involved with action around the ball. Officials should also check the shot clock. By gathering clock information, you are fully prepared if the clock malfunctions or if time is run off the clock — accidentally or intentionally. It takes some discipline to develop this good habit, but once accomplished, glancing at the clock becomes second-nature. Your efforts will pay off the first time you confidently — and correctly — handle a clock problem.

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## Free-Throw Semicircle

Players in marked lane spaces may not enter the free-throw semicircle until the ball strikes the ring or the free throw ends. An unfair advantage occurs if a free thrower's opponents are allowed to enter the semicircle while the free-throw shooter is restricted from leaving the semicircle until the ball strikes the ring or the free throw ends. A defender is in the semicircle when a foot touches the free throw line or when their foot touches inside the semicircle.

The six players on the lane line are allowed to move into the lane upon release of the free throw. The players behind the three point line may not enter the lane or free throw semicircle until the ball hits the ring or until the free throw ends.

**PLAY 1:** B11 is in a marked lane space after free thrower A1 releases a final free-throw attempt. B11 enters the free-throw semicircle before the ball strikes the ring, contacting A1, whose free-throw attempt is unsuccessful. The officials rule a foul on B11 and award A1 bonus free throws as B11's foul is the eighth team foul.

**RULING 1:** The officials were correct to rule a foul on B11—illegal contact occurred. However, they were incorrect to only award bonus free throws. B11 committed a delayed free-throw violation and A1 should have been given a substitute free throw with the lane cleared prior to the administration of the bonus free throws. After the delayed free-throw the players will take spots in marked lane spaces. Play resumes with the result of A1's bonus free throws.

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## Officials Quiz

**Question 1:** Player A1 is directed to leave the game because his/her game pant is tucked into her tights. The official notifies the Team A coach that a replacement is required. The official then instructs the timer to begin the 15-second replacement interval because a substitute in not made available immediately. Team A's head coach then requests a time-out to keep A1 in the game. Is the time-out granted?

**Question 2:** A1 is dribbling near the sideline when B1 obtains legal guarding position. B1 stays in the path of A1 but in doing so has (a) one foot touching the sideline or (b) one foot in the air over the out-of-bounds area when A1 contact B1 in the torso. Do you have an offensive foul?

**Question 3:** A loose ball is on the floor and A1 dives onto the floor and secures the ball while on her/his stomach. A1 then (a) rolls over, sits up and passes the ball; (b) while on her/his stomach passes the ball to a teammate. Is this a legal play?

**Question 4:** Players CAN "buy" their way into a game wearing illegal equipment with a technical foul. TRUE or FALSE

**Question 5:** Players are lined up for the jump ball to begin the game. Coach of team A doesn't like what he sees and requests a time-out. Is the time-out granted?

**Question 6:** Player A1 attempts a try which is unsuccessful and is fouled as time expires to end the 4th quarter. Since the ball left the shooter's hand before the horn sounded, A1 will receive two free throws. The score is A-49 and B-50. The coach of team B calls a time-out to freeze the shooter. After the time-out, A1 makes the first free throw to tie the game, 50-50. Coach of team B requests another time-out to freeze the shooter once again. Is the time-out granted?

**Question 7:** A3 has the ball out of bounds for a throw-in with 3.2 seconds left in the game. A3 throws the ball inbounds and it is kicked by B3 defending the throw-in. The clock starts and the officials re-administer a new throw-in with 2.8 seconds left. Should of clock started?

**Question 8:** A1 is dribbling the ball in his/her front court when the ball strikes his/her foot and is rolling toward the out-of-bounds line. He/she requests a time-out to prevent the ball from going out-of-bounds. Is the time-out granted?

**Question 9:** Players scramble for the ball with A1 touching the ball and the boundary line. Has A1 created a violation?

**Question 10:** Substitute A6 reports to enter the game to replace A1. A5, already in the game, is wearing a white compression sleeve on her/his arm and leg. A6 is wearing a black headband and wristbands. Is Player A6 allowed to enter the game?

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## Officials or Coaches

If you have a question about a rule interpretation, a play situation or a mechanic question that officials/coaches statewide should know about or the SDHSAA should know about to help make the game of basketball better for everyone involved in the game of basketball—please send your concerns to be included in the weekly bulletins.

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**Rule 1:** Team A's time-out is not permitted to keep a player in the game who has been directed to leave for not wearing his/her uniform properly. Once A1 is replaced by a substitute Team A may request and be granted a time-out, if desired.

**Rule 2:** In (a) a blocking foul is ruled on B1 because a player may not be out of bounds and obtain or maintain a legal guarding position. In (b), it is a player control foul on A1 because B2 had obtained and maintained a legal guarding position.

**Rule 3:** Illegal in (a) to roll over from the stomach; (b) legal action for the ball to be passed from that position.

**Rule 4:** False-- players cannot buy their way into a game wearing illegal equipment with a technical

**Rule 5:** Request is denied. Time-outs cannot be used until the ball becomes live to start the game.

**Rule 6:** The time-out is denied. Successive time-outs are not permitted when time has expired to end the 4th quarter or any overtime period.

**Rule 7:** The officials were correct to re-administer the throw-in but should have corrected the clock. The clock should not start on a kicked throw-in pass since the throw-in was not legally touched. If a non-designated spot throw-in, team A would not lose the right to move along the end line for the ensuing throw-in.

**Rule 8:** The request is denied. Even though there is team control during an interrupted dribble, you must have player control to be granted a time-out.

**Rule 9:** A1 has created a violation by touching the boundary line and the ball at the same time, causing the ball to be out-of-bounds. Team B will be given the ball at the spot nearest the violation.

**Rule 10:** A6 is not allowed to enter because the rule requires all teammates to wear the same allowable color sleeves, headbands and wristbands. No penalty is involved, A6 simply cannot participate until the color restrictions are corrected.

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**Make A Commitment To Be The Best Team On The Court**

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