

Shot Clock FAQ's

Q1: Where should the shot clocks be mounted?

A1: Shot clocks shall be recessed and mounted on the backboard supports behind each backboard.

Q2: Do I need lights around the basket or on the basket to signify a shot clock violation?

A2: To aid in officiating, the UHSAA is requesting that schools add a red light on or around the backboard to make it easier to determine end-of-period situations. By NFHS rule, lights around the Shot Clock are for shot clock violations only.

Q3: Can I put a corporate sponsor or other signage on the shot clock?

A3: Nothing shall be attached to the mounting mechanisms of the shot clock that affects the visibility of the shot clock.

Q4: Where does the shot clock operator sit?

A4: A shot clock operator will be located at the scorer's and timer's table. It is recommended that the timer and shot clock operator be seated next to each other.

Q5: How will the 10-second backcourt count work with a shot clock?

A5: Officials will use the shot clock to administer the 10-second backcourt count. Officials will use a silent, visible 10-second count when there is no shot clock used for a game (subvarsity only).

Q6: How long is the shot clock?

A6: 35 seconds for both Boys-and-Girls Basketball

Q7: Will the shot clock still be used in the case of the UHSAA Mercy Rule going into effect?

A7: Yes, the shot clock is always used during game play, except where there is less time remaining on the game clock than on the shot clock.

Q8: Do I need a horn for a shot clock violation, and should it be different than the game clock horn?

A8: Yes, you do need a horn for a shot clock violation and it shall be different from the game clock horn.

Q9: Do I reset the shot clock on injuries?

A9: No, the shot clock should not be reset. The NFHS rules are very specific on scenarios where there should be a reset of the shot clock. Visit

<https://www.nfhs.org/media/4860212/basketball-shot-clock-guidelines-2021-1.pdf> for more information on these scenarios.

Q10: Where do I gain specific information on starting and stopping the shot clock in a game?

A10: The UHSAA is utilizing the NFHS rule for shot clock adoption. The rule information can be

accessed at: <https://www.nfhs.org/media/4860212/basketball-shot-clock-guidelines-2021-1.pdf>.

Q11: Should I do a training with game operations and score table personnel before the season?

A11: Absolutely. The UHSAA will be working on resources for you to use in your training, and

please teach on the NFHS rules at: <https://www.nfhs.org/media/4860212/basketball-shot-clock-guidelines-2021-1.pdf>.