



2012-13 BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES

- 2-11-12** The official scorer is required to wear a black-and-white vertically striped garment.
New **Rationale:** The players, coaches and officials need to be able to quickly and easily identify the official scorer. Requiring the scorer to wear a striped garment will assist in this regard. In addition, wearing a striped garment will make the scorer look more professional.

2012-13 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

- 2-2-4 Note** **ART. 4 . . .** The jurisdiction of the officials is terminated and the final score has been approved when all officials leave the visual confines of the playing area. The officials retain clerical authority over the contest through the completion of any reports, including those imposing disqualifications, which are responsive to actions occurring while the officials had jurisdiction. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents that occur before, during or after the officials' jurisdiction has ended or in the event that a contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.
Rationale: This revision is added for consistency with other NFHS Rules Books.
- 4-19-7** A team-control foul is a common foul committed by a team that has team control (including a member of the throw-in team from the start of the throw-in until player control is obtained inbounds).
Rationale: The committee adopted a team-control rule change for last season which introduced some complications for a number of other rules. These complications were handled through interpretations last year. The addition of this parenthetical statement allows all rules affected by the team-control definition change last season to revert to their previous verbiage and brings the rule in line with the interpretations that were released last year.

2012-13 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Closely guarded situations
2. Contact above the shoulders
3. Intentional Fouls
4. Guidelines to enforce illegal contact