



## 2017-18 BASKETBALL RULE INTERPRETATION

### MPSSAA BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL – MERCY RULE

**From State Rules Interpreter Al Battista:**

MPSSAA junior varsity and varsity boys and girls basketball will be governed by the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). However, the rules will be modified as follows:

- Beginning with the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter a running clock will be applied in all games with a point differential of thirty-five (35) points or more.
- The Shot Clock will be turned off when the Mercy Rule is in effect.
- If at any time subsequent to the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter the differential is less than 35 points the applicable NFHS rules pertaining to timing and the game clock will resume and the Shot Clock will be in effect.