

MPSSAA Boys and Girls Basketball “Mercy Rule” Procedures

By State adoption, the State Basketball Committees have adopted the following rule regarding the use of running time. Once a 35-point differential exists in the second half, the following changes, and only those changes, will be made regarding the rules which determine when the clock will and will not be stopped.

- A. An Official’s time-out for an injured player.
- B. A charged (team) time-out occurs.
- C. A score occurs that reduces the point spread to less than 35 points (in which regular timing procedures will be used).
- D. A period ends.
- E. Free throws are taken.

A manual 10-second count will be in place for backcourt violations. With Boys and Girls, there will be a maximum of 10 seconds for the ball to advance from the backcourt to the frontcourt.