PCSAA BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL MERCY RULE

• A 30-point differential rule is in effect for all games played in the PCSAA, grades 9-12 for

Boys’ and Girls’ basketball.

• If there is a 30-point differential at the end of the first half or any time after, the

game will be continued with a running clock.

* **The shot clock will be turned off when the Mercy Rule is in effect.**

• Beginning with the ensuing possession when the 30-point differential becomes

effective, the following changes, and only these changes, will be made regarding

rules determining when the clock will and will not be stopped.

• The clock will run continuously except for the following situations when it will be

stopped:

1. Anytime a time-out is charged to a team;

2. Stoppage to administer free throws;

3. Intermission between third and fourth quarter;

4. Extended injury time-out;

5. Anytime officials determine it is necessary for safety reasons.

• The first half will be played to completion with regular timing. If the differential is

30 points or more at half-time or anytime there is a 30-point differential during the

second half, the running clock procedures will be used.

• If the score margin drops below 20 points, then normal timing will resume for the remainder of the game, or until the 30-point plateau is again reached.