Highschool Girls Basketball Rules Modifications 2026/27

- **Rule 1-2.2 The playing court's dimensions-** The playing court shall be a rectangular surface free from obstructions with sidelines of 94 feet in length and endlines of 50 feet measured from the inside edges of these lines. Highschool modification courts can be **84 feet.** ***(In 2026 NYSPHSAA approved a waiver)***

- **Rule 1-7.1 The Three-Point Field Goal Line-** The three-point field-goal line shall be a distance of 19 feet 9 inches.

- **Rule 1-8.1 Restricted Area-** The restricted area is that area of the playing court located directly underneath each basket. NY State HAS NOT adopted this new rule.

- **Rule 1-9.1 Coaching Box-** The coaching box shall extend from the sideline to the back of the team bench and shall be bounded by the end line extended and not farther than the 28-foot line. ***(painted line or tape must be present.***

- **Rule 1-16.2 The Ball-** A game may be played with a "non-orange" ball. A pink ball is permissible for Breast Cancer Awareness games.

- **Rule 1-19.1.2 Shot-Clock Displays-** Two visible shot clocks, one at each end of the court. If the shot clocks are not functional, an alternate timing device shall be available when a visible shot clock malfunctions.

- **Rule 1-22 Uniforms (Game Jersey & Shorts)-** 0 & 00 through 99 are legal, a team can't have both 0 & 00. The color, style and design of all teammates' game jerseys and game shorts shall be alike. ***(In 2026 NYSPHSAA approved a waiver for all sub-varsity level girls' basketball uniforms aren't required to match)***

- **Rule 1-25.7 Players Equipment-** Hair adornments, which include beads, may be worn provided they are secured tightly to the head and do not pose a safety hazard to the player, teammates or opponents.

- **Rule 2-4.2 Officials' Jurisdiction-** All officials shall arrive on the floor 15 minutes before the start of the game and all officials must remain on the floor once jurisdiction begins.

- **Rule 2-7.9 Officials' Duties-** Use the shot clock to administer the 10-second backcourt count.

- **Rule 2-11.Art 6.c.2 Duties of Shot-Clock Operator-** An intentionally kicked or fisted ball that occurs with 14-seconds or less remaining on the shot clock will reset to 15-seconds.

- **Rule 2-11.6.d.6.through 8 Duties of the Shot Clock Operator-** The shot clock is reset to 30 seconds when the ball strikes the ring or flange, *a change in possession and all fouls*. ***Exception:*** double fouls which the shot clock time remains.

- **Rule 4-14.1.2 Faking Being Fouled-** Faking being fouled by "flopping" or using a "head bob" to simulate illegal contact. First offense by the team will result in a warning. The second time the team fakes will result in a Team Technical foul.

- **Rule 5-6.1 Length of Quarters-** Playing time for JV and Varsity games shall consist of **(4) 8-minute** quarters, with **1-minute** intermission between 1st and 2nd quarters and 3rd and 4th quarters. **10-minute** intermission for halftime.

- **Rule 5-9.3,4 Overtime-** Overtime shall be **4-minutes** in length.

- **Rule 5-14.9.a Timeouts Granted and Charged-** Each team is entitled to **(4) full timeouts** and **(2) 30 second timeouts**. If overtime is needed each team is awarded an *additional* **60 second timeout**. ***(In 2026 NYSPHSAA approved a waiver)*** The clock must start in the overtime period before you can use the additional timeout.

- **Rule 9-10 10 second backcourt-** a team shall not be in continuous control of the ball that is in their backcourt for 10 consecutive seconds. New for 2026/27: It is a 10 second backcourt violation when the ***shot clock*** reads 19 seconds. If the shot clock is off, the ***game clock*** will be used. If the ***game clock*** shows 21 seconds you will call a violation at 11 seconds.

- **Rule 10-12.3.a.1-5 Team Technical Fouls-** A team shall be assessed a team technical foul *after a team warning has been issued for each of the delays* and *faking being fouled*. Penalty is two shots awarded to any player of the offended team followed by a throw-in at the division line opposite the scorers' table.

- **Rule 10-13.1 Flagrant 1 Foul-*previous Intentional Foul.***

- **Rule 10-14.1 Flagrant 2 Foul-*previous Disqualifying Foul*.**

- **Rule 11-1.1 Replay Equipment-** Replay equipment or a Courtside monitor ***will not*** be used in any NYSPHSAA Girls basketball regular season or playoff contest. In a NYSPHSAA State tournament Semi-Final or Final contest, it shall be used to determine if a last second shot in the 4th quarter or any overtime shall count.