



BC School Sports: Basketball Rules of Play 2021-22

The below rule modifications shall be in place for all BC SchoolSports (BCSS) Basketball games (Exhibition, League, Tournaments, Playoffs, and Provincial Championships).

The rules for governing BCSS Basketball shall be FIBA Rules (with 2020 Rulebook Interpretations) with the following modifications:

1. For BOYS' GAMES ONLY: The shot clock will be reset to 30 seconds on a new backcourt possession. The shot clock will reset to 18 seconds when a team starts a new possession in their frontcourt after a stoppage in play.
2. The shot clock will be set to 30 seconds (Boys' games) or 24 seconds (Girls' games) during a last or only free throw. Whether the offensive or defensive team controls the rebound from a last or only free throw, the shot clock will start from 30 seconds (Boys' games) or 24 seconds (Girls' games).
3. In all games (Boys and Girls), when the game clock and shot clock are running and the ball strikes the ring of the opponent's basket, when either team rebounds the live ball and gains in-bounds possession/control, the shot clock shall be reset to 30 seconds (Boys) or 24 seconds (Girls).

Note: The only exception to this rule is if a gym does not have a shot clock that can be set to 24 seconds.

4. In BOYS' GAMES ONLY: Games will use a 10-second backcourt count.
5. In BOYS' GAMES ONLY: Each team shall be permitted three (3) time-outs at any time during the second half, including during the last 2:00 minutes of the fourth quarter.

Note: Unused time-outs may not be carried over to the next half or overtime.

6. All games will be played with whichever 3-point line and restricted area [key] is available on the court. If a court has BOTH FIBA-dimensioned lines ("far" 3-point line and "wide" restricted area) AND NCAA lines ("close" 3-point line and "narrow" restricted area), it is the closer and narrower NCAA lines that will be used.
7. The no-charge semi-circle shall NOT apply.
8. During free throws (using the narrow, NCAA lane), the first defensive lane space shall be above the neutral space block. If a court only has the wide, FIBA key, the first defensive lane space will be below the block.



9. Home team (or as designated by the competition organizer) shall have the choice of team benches and will shoot at the basket furthest from that bench in the first half.
10. A) T-shirts (baggy or compression) or compression long sleeves of any colour shall be permitted to be worn under jerseys. All players on a team must have the same colour shirt under their jersey.

B) Arm sleeves, leg compression sleeves, visible spandex under shorts, headbands, religious headwear, and wristbands may be any colour. These accessories do not need to match the colour of the shirt or other players' accessories on their team.

Note: Bandanas are not permitted to be worn.
11. Religious or medical bracelets/necklaces are permitted but must be covered by a protective covering, at a minimum tape.
12. Playing time specifications:
 - (a) Junior Boys & Girls (and below):
 - I. 4 x 8-minute quarters
 - II. 4-minute overtime period(s)
 - III. 1 minute between quarters
 - IV. 8-minute half time
 - V. 8-minute warm-up (or longer if time permits)
 - (b) Senior Boys & Girls (all levels):
 - I. 4 x 10-minute quarters
 - II. 5-minute overtime period(s)
 - III. 1 minute between quarters
 - IV. 10-minute half time
 - V. 10-minute warm-up (or longer if time permits)
Note: It is not permissible for any games to play 20-minute (or less) halves, or for rules involving the "penalty" (5th team foul in a quarter) to be modified. All games, including exhibition and tournament games, must play 4 quarters with penalty taking effect on the 5th team foul in any quarter, as per FIBA rules.
13. (a) Junior games (and below) must be scheduled at least 90 minutes apart. i.e., 5:00pm and 6:30pm.

(b) Senior games must be scheduled at least 105 minutes apart. i.e., 5:00pm and 6:45pm.
14. Scoresheets must be filled out and signed by both teams' head coach prior to 5:00 minutes left in the warm-up.



15. The name of the Head Coach and the first Assistant Coach (if applicable) shall be printed clearly on the official score sheet prior to the start of the game.

Note: When there is no Assistant Coach named on the score sheet and the Head Coach is disqualified, or should both the Head Coach and the Assistant Coach be disqualified from the game, the game shall be forfeited to their opponents. If the opponent is ahead the score shall stand. If the team of the disqualified coach(es) is ahead the final score shall be 2-0 for the opponents.

16. Players who are disqualified shall be permitted to remain on the team benches or in the playing gymnasium if there is no adult (other than the coach) available to supervise them outside the gym. However, they are not permitted to cause a disruption or disturbance.
17. Noisemakers: Artificial sound, i.e., Aerosol air horns, loud-speakers, megaphones, whistles, and/or laser pointers are not permitted at any time from anyone in the gym.

Note: Should a situation arise regarding noisemakers, the game shall be stopped (at an appropriate time i.e., during a natural stoppage of play), and it shall be the sole responsibility of the Game Director, tournament organizer, or host team head coach to immediately address the issue at hand. There shall be no penalty charged to either team.

18. Under no circumstance shall any video or recording system be used for an official, coach, Game Director or administration to clarify any on-court rule interpretation.