



**Idaho High School Activities  
Association  
2024-2025  
Officials Packet**

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# 2024-25 Basketball

## Classification — based on grades 9-12

6A	1,400 and over	3A	349-175
5A	1,399-700	2A	174-90
4A	699-350	1A	89 and under

## 2024-2025 Basketball Season

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
First Day of Practice	Nov. 4	Nov. 15
First Game	Nov. 15	Nov. 30
Dist. Tour. Completion	Feb. 15	Mar. 1
State Play-ins	Feb. 15	Mar. 1
State Tournaments	Feb. 20-22	Mar. 6-8

\*All teams will be required to enter rosters, schedules and scores on MaxPreps.

## Game Limitations for Each Team

Teams are limited to 18 games - strongly recommended - and not to exceed 20 games (21 if playing a 3 game tournament). If a school loses a scheduled tournament game or a school is unable to attend a tournament due to reasons beyond their control, the school can reschedule lost games.

## Game Limitations for Individuals

During the regular season, athletes in 6A, 5A, 4A, and 3A classifications are allowed to play up to 80 quarters of basketball, with the exception of 84 quarters if a 21-game schedule is played due to a tournament. 2A and 1A athletes may play in 100 quarters of basketball.

6A, 5A, 4A and 3A athletes are permitted no more than four (4) quarters per day when playing one game. 2A and 1A athletes may play five (5) quarters per day when playing a one game schedule. All athletes are permitted to play eight (8) quarters per day when playing two games in one day against different schools.

6A, 5A, 4A, or 3A basketball programs may petition for a waiver of the 4/80 quarter limitation. This waiver would allow sub-varsity players to participate in up to 5 quarters per night and 100 quarters per season. The petition must be signed by the school principal and athletic director and include verification of the following:

1. There are 14 or fewer participants in the program and the program desire to field two teams; or
2. There are 21 or fewer participants in the program and the program desires to field three teams; and
3. The lack of participants will cause the loss of a sub-varsity program; and
4. The lack of participants will cause the school to cancel scheduled games at the sub-varsity level; and
5. A reasonable number will be designated as varsity players (in any event, not less than 7), these players to remain subject to the 4 quarters per night and 84 quarters per season limitation; and
6. The school's coaching staff has not cut, nor will cut players, nor discouraged players from participating in basketball, regardless of ability.
7. If 1-6 occur anytime during the regular season due to illness or injury, a school may request a waiver during the regular season.

Individuals may compete in a junior varsity and varsity contest on the same day. Fouling out of a contest has no bearing on eligibility to participate in the second contest.

Individuals may play in a post season tournament (Sophomore, J.V., etc.) and then be eligible to participate in the varsity district tournament.

Players who exceeds the limitations of regular season participation will become ineligible for district, state or any other additional IHSAA sponsored basketball competition.

## Number of Participants/ Coaches/Support Personnel

Varsity teams may have fifteen students in uniform at all play-in and state tournament contests at the start of the contest. Violation of this rule will result in the school being assessed a maximum fine for dressing more than the approved number of players at a state play-in or tournament game with forfeiture of the game if excess numbers play. All classifications will be allowed four coaches and three support personnel to be admitted without an IHSAA card or tournament pass. Any coaches or support personnel exceeding that number must have either an IHSAA card or purchase a tournament pass.

## Rules

All contests will be played under National Federation rules. Rule books and case books will be provided to school representatives at the district rules clinic.

## Rule 5-10

Students who participate in varsity level district contests may not compete in sub-varsity contests following the starting date of the varsity district tournament.

## Mercy Rule

At any time during the fourth quarter when the point differential is 30 points or greater, the mercy rule shall be invoked. Once in effect, the clock shall not be stopped except for called time outs. Officials will notify the timekeeper that the rule is in effect. Once the rule is in effect, it will not be revoked. The mercy rule may be used at the discretion of each district tournament. The mercy rule will not be in effect during the state play-in, or state tournament games.

## Official Ball

The Official Basketball for all play-ins and state tournaments will be the Spalding Precision TF 1000.

## Practice at State Tournament Site

No team will be allowed to practice at a state tournament site.

## 2024-25 Representation

	6A	5A (Girls)	(Boys)	4A (Girls)	(Boys)	
I	1.5	I-II	1	I-II	.5	1
III	4.5	III	2.5	III	2.5	2.5
IV-V-VI	2	IV	1.5	IV	2	1.5
		V	1	V	1.5	1.5
		VI	2	VI	1.5	1.5
	3A	2A (Girls)	(Boys)		1A	
I-II	1.5	I	1	I		.5
III	2.5	II	2	II		1.5
IV-V	2.5	III	2.5	III		1.5
VI	1.5	IV	2	IV		1.5
		V-VI	.5	V-VI		3

Basketball representation will be altered periodically so that the percentage of representatives in each district will be as equal as possible over a two-year period.

**State Play-ins**

(Team on the top of the bracket is the home team)

**6A Play-in**

1B Grangeville HS  
1:00 p.m. PST  
3E Girls: Feb. 15  
Boys: Mar. 1

**5A Girls Play-In**

3C Mountain Home/Timberline  
1:00 p.m. MST  
4B Girls: Feb. 15

**4A Girls Play-in**

1A Prarie HS  
1:00 p.m. PST  
3C Girls: Feb. 15

**4A Boys Play-in**

3C Mountain Home HS  
3:00 p.m. MST  
4B Boys: Mar. 1

**4A Play-in**

5B Pocatello HS  
1:00 p.m. MST  
6B Girls: Feb. 15  
Boys: Mar. 1

**3A Play-in**

1-2B Grangeville HS  
3:00 p.m. PST  
3C Girls: Feb. 15  
Boys: Mar. 1

**3A Play-in**

4-5C American Falls HS  
1:00 p.m. MST  
6B Feb. 15  
Mar. 1

**2A Girls Play-in**

3C Burley HS  
1:00 p.m. MST  
5-6A Feb. 15

**2A Boys Play-in**

2B McCall Donnelly HS  
3:00 p.m. MST  
3C Boys: Mar. 1

**2A Boys Play-in**

4C American Falls HS  
3:00 p.m. MST  
5-6A Boys: Mar. 1

**1A Play-in**

1A Post Falls HS  
3:00 p.m. PST  
2B Girls: Feb. 15  
Boys: Mar. 1

**1A Play-in**

3B Mountain Home/Wendell  
3:00 p.m. MST  
4B Girls: Feb. 15  
Boys: Mar. 1

**2024-25 Bracketing**

Qualifying teams will be seeded into the state bracket according to the final rankings through and including all regular season and district tournament games/matches. The high seed is considered the home team for all games/matches in the tournament.

#3 Seed

#6 Seed

#2 Seed

#7 Seed

#1 Seed

#8 Seed

#4 Seed

#5 Seed

**State Tournaments**

Girls: February 20-22

- 6A The Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
  - 5A\* Mountain View High School, Meridian
  - 4A\* Middleton High School, Middleton
  - 3A\* Bishop Kelly High School, Boise
  - 2A\* Columbia High School, Nampa
  - 1A\* Nampa High School, Nampa
- \*All Championship games will be played at The Ford Idaho Center

Boys: Mar. 6-8

- 6A The Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
  - 5A\* Rocky Mountain High School, Meridian
  - 4A\* Eagle High School, Eagle
  - 3A\* Capital High School, Boise
  - 2A\* Vallivue High School, Caldwell
  - 1A\* Caldwell High School, Caldwell
- \*All Championship games will be played at The Ford Idaho Center

# Basketball Rules Changes - 2024-25

By NFHS on June 26, 2024

**1-19:** Limits the use of electronic devices used during a game for the purposes of recording and tracking stats, reviewing or diagramming plays, or other similar contest related functions.

**Rationale:** Clarifies the type of electronic devices that are allowed during the game, prohibiting the use of voice and video recording devices worn during a contest.

**2-11-11:** Requires the non-official scorer(s) to compare records with the official scorer when multiple scorers are present.

**Rationale:** Allows the official scorer to remain focused on game activity and places the responsibility of comparing scoring and other bookkeeping information on the auxiliary scorer(s).

**3-3-6:** Requires a player who has been injured to be removed from the game if the coach is beckoned by the official, whether the coach enters the playing area or not, or if bench personnel (i.e., a coach or athletic trainer) enters the court without being beckoned. The coach may still use a time-out to continue assessment of the injury and keep the injured player in the game.

**Rationale:** Creates consistency for officials that an injured player is subject to removal from the game when an injury occurs, and the coach/team personnel are beckoned or if they enter the court without an official beckoning.

**3-3-7:** Allows 20 seconds for a player to address any minor blood on the body or uniform without leaving the game. If the blood cannot be appropriately covered/cleaned within 20 seconds, the head coach may take a time-out to address the issue or substitute for the player.

**Rationale:** Provides a short interval of time to handle a blood related issue without delaying the game, while still addressing the health-related concerns associated with blood on a player.

**3-4-4a (NEW):** Allows the use of a school logo/mascot image to be centered directly above the uniform number in place of an identifying name.

**Rationale:** Removes the restriction of allowing only lettering on the front of the jersey.

**4-6-1 EXCEPTION (NEW):** Creates an exception to basket interference by allowing a player(s) to touch only the net while the ball is on or within the basket provided that the contact did not affect the ball.

**Rationale:** Allows play to continue unless the contact of the net affects the try for goal.

**4-47-5 (NEW), 10-2-1g (NEW), 10-4-5b:** Changes the penalty for failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearer official when a whistle sounds from a player technical to a warning for delay for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense.

**Rationale:** Allows officials to issue a warning before assessing a technical and the technical will now be assessed to the team and not the player, lessening the severity of the penalty while addressing the behavior.

**4-49 (NEW), 10-2-1g (NEW), 10-4-6f:** Changes the penalty for faking being fouled from a player technical to a warning for the first violation and a team technical for any subsequent offense and adds a definition and examples.

**Rationale:** Allows officials to issue a warning before assessing a technical and the technical will now be assessed to the team and not the player, lessening the severity of the penalty while addressing the behavior.

**7-1-1:** Establishes that a player is out of bounds if contact by a teammate or other bench personnel outside the boundary line provides an advantage, allowing the player to remain in bounds.

**Rationale:** Establishes that a player cannot be assisted from outside the boundary line by teammates or bench personnel to remain in-bounds.

**9-10-1a NOTE (NEW), 4-10:** Allows state associations to adopt a modification to the closely guarded rule if they have adopted the 35-second shot clock, allowing players to dribble the ball for more than five seconds while closely guarded and maintain that a player may not hold the ball for five or more seconds.

**Rationale:** Permits states utilizing the 35-second shot clock to allow players to dribble without enforcing the closely guarded rule since they have a 35-second time limit to attempt a try for goal, maintaining an appropriate pace of play.

**10-1-1 PENALTY, 10-1-2 PENALTY, 10-2-7 PENALTY (NEW), 10-5-1 PENALTY(NEW):** Establishes that all administrative, team and bench technical fouls that occur during pregame offset – no free throws are awarded – and the game will start with a jump ball and the head coach does not lose the privilege of the coaching box.

**Rationale:** Clarifies that an equal number of technical fouls committed by both teams during pregame offset and establishes how the game will start after offsetting technical fouls.

**10-2-7 (NEW), 10-5-1i:** Changes the penalty for dunking or attempting to dunk or stuff a dead ball from a bench technical to a team technical.

**Rationale:** Continues to penalize the offending team with a team technical foul (free-throws, offended team the ball to start the period, a foul added to the team count), but no longer requires the coach to lose the coaching box to start the game and no personal foul is awarded.

## **2024-25 Basketball Editorial Changes**

1-13-2, 2-2-4 NOTE, 2-10-6, 3-3-1c NOTE, 3-3-7 NOTES 1, 3-4-2a, 3-5-1 NOTE, 3-5-7, 4-12-2 NOTE (NEW), 7-2-1, 7-3-2, 7-6-6, 8-5-3, 9-1 PENALTIES 1c, 9-2-10 NOTE 2 (NEW), 9-2 PENALTIES 1, 9-2 PENALTY, 9-7-1 NOTE (NEW), 9-9-3 NOTE (NEW), 10-4-3, 10-4-6h, 10-5, 10-5-3, Official Signals

## **2024-25 Basketball Points of Emphasis**

1. Warning for Delay
2. Faking Being Fouled
3. Proper Procedures for Handling Blood



## Required Safety Courses:

- \*Sudden Cardiac Arrest**
- \*Concussion Course**

Follow these instructions to access the free, courses.

- ✓ Go to the IHSAA website - [www.idhsaa.org](http://www.idhsaa.org)
- ✓ Click officials
- ✓ Fill in required information to sign-in or create account
- ✓ Follow instructions to start course
- ✓ At the conclusion of the course, **PRINT / SAVE CERTIFICATE.**

Test are taken on even numbered years, only new coaches are required to take safety courses this year. All officials will take the test after May 1, 2024. Submit certificate of completion to your commissioner.

**Help Desk (317) 565-2023**



**Check the appropriate box**

- This individual was ejected for committing an unsportsmanlike act. IHSAA Rule 4-3 **is** in effect.
- This ejection was not the result of an unsportsmanlike act. IHSAA Rule 4-3 is **not** in effect

**EJECTION REPORT FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a certified official from the \_\_\_\_\_ District,  
Name District #

officiated the \_\_\_\_\_ contest between \_\_\_\_\_ High School and  
sport  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School at the \_\_\_\_\_ level on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_.  
Junior Varsity/Varsity date

During the \_\_\_\_\_ of the contest, I ejected number (#) \_\_\_\_\_ from  
quarter/period/match/inning  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School.

**Describe the unsportsmanlike act and why IHSAA Rule 4-3 is or is not in effect:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This ejection report is filed on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and is being sent this \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
date date  
to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ District in the sport of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Commissioner's name District #

**Official's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**This report is being sent to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ High School,  
Principal's name

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary of the \_\_\_\_\_ District Board of Control,  
District Secretary's name District #

\_\_\_\_\_, President of the \_\_\_\_\_ District Board of Control,  
District President's name District #

\_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director of the IHSAA by the District Commissioner.  
Name of IHSAA Executive Director

**District Commissioner's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## **RULE 4 - CONDUCT/DISCIPLINE**

**4-1** The conduct of participants and school personnel at all IHSAA sponsored activities shall be such that it does not bring discredit to the school or the Association. Such conduct must not disrupt the discipline, order, safety, or educational environment of high school activities. (Also see Rule 1-1-4)

**4-2** The member school principal is responsible for initiating appropriate disciplinary measures against students or school personnel for improper or unethical practices. A report of such action shall be forwarded to the Executive Director and the appropriate District Board of Control.

### **4-3 EJECTIONS**

**4-3-1** In any athletic contest, including jamborees, any coach or player ejected for an unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree – and, will be suspended for the next regularly scheduled contest at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition. Any staff or parent/fan/spectator associated with a member school ejected for an unsportsmanlike or flagrant act will be suspended for the remainder of the contest/game/jamboree – and, will be suspended for the next two regularly scheduled contests at that level of competition, and all other games/meets/matches in the interim, in any sport, at any level of competition.

Note: Jamborees shall not be considered a regularly scheduled contest.

- a. At the time of ejection, the person/s must leave the field of play and assume a position that will not enable him or her to see or be seen.
- b. During the suspension of the next regularly scheduled contest, the player is permitted to watch the contest, but may not participate. The coach is not allowed at the contest. The parent/staff/fan/spectator is not allowed at the next two contests.
- c. Players will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- d. Coaches will also be required to take the NFHS online Teaching and Modeling Behavior course and submit a certification of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- e. Parents will also be required to earn the NFHS National Parent Credential which includes the free, online Positive Parenting Within School Programs course and The Parent Seat. Credential Certificate must be submitted to school administration prior to reinstatement. The credential must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.
- f. Other Persons (staff/fan/spectators that are not parents) will also be required to take the NFHS free, online sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion to school administration prior to reinstatement. The course must be completed between ejection and reinstatement.

**4-3-2** A second violation will result in being suspended for the next two (2) regularly scheduled contests. The third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of that season. If penalties are imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next IHSAA sponsored sport.

**4-3-3** The procedure for suspension and notification is:

- a. The officiating crew must approve any additional suspension by a majority vote at the conclusion of the contest.
- b. The officials shall issue a card to the coach or school administrator when a player/coach/staff/parent/fan/spectator is ejected from competition. The card must be issued at or prior to the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.
- c. The official must notify the ejected person/s' school administration/coach of the suspension for the next contest at or prior to the conclusion of the competition in which the infraction occurred.
- d. The game official that disqualifies an individual for an unsportsmanlike act must notify the District Commissioner with a written report by the conclusion of the next day.
- e. The District Commissioner, upon receipt of the report, shall notify the District Secretary, President of the District Board of Control, the school, and the IHSAA with a written report of the incident by the conclusion of the next school day.



- 4-3-4** The responsibility to enforce the penalty for being suspended lies with the school principal. Any dialogue concerning the suspension should come from the school principal and be directed to the President of the District Board of Control of the region in which the contest took place. The President of the District Board of Control (of the region in which the contest took place) may appoint a hearing committee to hear any appeals within 48 hours of the receipt of a complete report of the incident. It is the responsibility of the secretary of the District Board of Control in which the hearing took place, to notify the district Board of Control secretary in which the student athlete or coach resides. Appeals may not deal with decisions made by contest officials.
- 4-3-5** When an individual is suspended for the next contest, the interpretation of "contest" is as follows:
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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Football: next game     | Volleyball: next match   |
| Basketball: next game   | Cross Country: next meet |
| Wrestling: next contest | Softball: next game      |
| Baseball: next game     | Track: next meet         |
| Tennis: next match      | Golf: next match         |
| Soccer: next match      | Swimming: next meet      |
- 4-3-6** Any ejection that is the result of physical contact or excessive verbal abuse by a player/coach on a game official will be referred to the local District Board of Control for review to determine if any additional reprimand or suspension is warranted.
- 4-3-7** If a coach is ejected from an IHSAA contest, the designated school administrator must appoint an appropriately qualified adult to supervise the remainder of the contest or forfeit the contest.