

BALLOT NO. 4

Proposal to Amend the Specific Sport Regulations to Require a Shot Clock in the Sport of Basketball

Montgomery High School and Christian Brothers Academy, together and on behalf of the Executive Committee of the NJ Basketball Coaches Association (NJBCA), propose requiring a shot clock for all varsity boys and girls basketball games, starting with the 2027-28 school year. The NFHS Basketball Rules Committee approved use of a 35-second shot clock starting with the 2022-23 season. Since then, 32 states have adopted it. The sponsors believe implementing shot clock would, among other things, align New Jersey with national standards, promote better pace and flow of the game, improve the quality of play, build essential life skills, benefit referees, and prepare players for the next level.

The Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee have endorsed this proposal.

This proposal requires a majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting, based on the total number of ballots cast at the Annual Meeting.

SPECIFIC SPORT REGULATIONS CHANGE

NJSIAA Rules and Regulations, Specific Sport Regulations, “Basketball,” (Handbook page 67) shall be supplemented to add a new Section 10, as follows:

Section 10 Shot Clock Starting with the 2027-28 school year, a shot clock shall be used in all boys and girls varsity basketball games. The shot clock shall be implemented in accordance with NFHS rules.