



2020-21 Rules Changes for Men's Basketball

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Both are effective with the 2020-21 season.

[NOTE – Delayed Implementation: The effective date for Division II and III rules change to increase the distance of the three-point line (from 20' 9" to 22' 1 and 3/4" at the top of the key and 21' 7 and 7/8" in the corners) has been delayed from the 2019-20 season to the 2020-21 season.]

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Rules Change and Rationale</u>
2-11.6 (Shot clock reset)	<p>To amend Rule 2-11.6 by providing that the shot clock shall be reset to 20 seconds or the time remaining as set forth in subsections c. and d. of this rule when the offensive team retains or gains possession of the ball for a throw-in in the front court. Exception: When no reset is required per Rule 2-11.6.a or there is a change of team possession in the backcourt and the ball remains live. To accomplish this objective, the change would further require that Rule 2-11.6.b.8 only be applicable when the alternating possession arrow favors the defense. If the arrow favors the offense, there would be a 20-second reset under Rule 2-11.6.c.</p> <p>Rationale: The rule was changed initially last year to 1) increase the pace of play, 2) increase the number of possessions per team and 3) increase scoring. This amendment would correct an omission from last year's rule and facilitate a clearer understanding of the rule for players, coaches and officials and further encourage the three objectives of this original rule.</p>
11-2.1.b.4 (Instant replay)	<p>To clarify that Rule 11-2.1.b.4 (instant replay rule) takes precedence over Rule 6-5.1.d (dead ball rule) when determining if the ball was released on a try for goal before the sounding of the shot-clock horn when the shot is successful.</p> <p>Rationale: In certain situations, these two rules currently conflict. Stipulating that the instant replay rule takes precedence over the dead ball rule will allow the officials to use instant replay to help avoid the possibility of an official's error that could lead to a game winning/losing field goal. Many of these plays require split-second decisions, which should be reviewed to ensure that the integrity of the rules and the game are maintained in adjudicating difficult plays, particularly if they occur in the last few seconds of the game.</p>