



2019-20 and 2020-21 Women's Basketball Rules Changes

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. They will be incorporated into the rules book for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

NOTE: Rules changes that are shaded were adopted by both the Women's Basketball Rules Committee and the Men's Basketball Rules Committee.

Rule/Page	Rules Change, Rationale
1-17.1, Page 22	<p>To prohibit cameras from being located behind the backboard within the white square painted on the backboard.</p> <p>Rationale: To avoid situations where the camera might distract a shooter.</p>
1-22.7, Page 24	<p>To permit identifying names above the number to be arched, but the first and last letters must be on the same horizontal plane. Such plane shall not be below a plane extending through the top of the number(s) and names below the number must have the first and last letter on the same horizontal plane. Such plane shall not be above a plane extending through the bottom of the number.</p> <p>Rationale: 1) Current rule requires all letters to be on the same horizontal plane; 2) there are institutions whose uniforms are not compliant at this time due to arching; 3) this would legalize what is currently being used and permit institutions more freedom to design uniforms; and 4) all letters would still need to be at least one inch from the number(s), which protects the integrity of the number.</p>
2-11.6, Page 34	<p>When the defensive team commits a personal foul or intentionally kicks/fists the ball in the frontcourt of the offensive team and play will resume in the frontcourt, the shot clock: 1) will not reset when it is at 20 seconds or above or 2) will reset to 20 seconds when it is at 19 seconds or less. Additionally, when the offense is first to secure a rebound off the rim or flange in their frontcourt, the shot clock will reset to 20 seconds.</p> <p>Rationale: To increase the number of team possessions and improve the flow of the game. <i>(Note: Depending on the age of the existing equipment, an institution may need to update their equipment at a cost of \$50 to \$500. If existing equipment is more than 20-30 years old, a new console might be needed at an estimated cost of \$1,000.)</i></p>
3-6.1.j.1 (NEW), Page 39	<p>To permit a replaced player to re-enter the game when the opponents have committed a violation or foul before the game clock has been properly started.</p> <p>Rationale: To correct an unintended consequence, which results in unfairness in the substitution rule.</p>
3-6.2.b, Page 40	<p>During multiple free throws for personal fouls, to permit a substitute to enter the game only before the first attempt in the sequence unless otherwise authorized by the rules or after the final attempt has been successfully converted.</p> <p>Rationale: Address pace of play/flow of the game by administering free throws without interruption. Reduce possibility of lane violations with players coming in and out of the game before the last free throw.</p>

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4-13.2.d (NEW), Page 45	<p>To add to the penalty for an ejection to include when a player is assessed one technical foul and one unsportsmanlike foul.</p> <p>Rationale: The current rule states that when a player is assessed an unsportsmanlike foul and a technical foul, she is not ejected from the game. This proposal addresses student-athlete behavior during the contest, as it is desirable that student-athletes conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Under the pre-2017 rules, a contact dead-ball technical foul and a player/substitute technical foul would have resulted in ejection; this addresses an unintended consequence created when contact dead-ball technical and flagrant 1 personal fouls were combined into the unsportsmanlike foul.</p>
7-3.2 (NEW)	<p>To establish consistent throw-in spots for single personal fouls and violations of Rule 9-6 committed by the defense in the offensive team's front court. Those spots shall be either the 28-foot mark or the LDB mark on both sides of the floor depending on where the foul or violation occurred.</p> <p>Rationale: To create consistent throw-in spots when a foul or violation occurs.</p>
10-12.3 and .4, Pages 92, 93	<p>To change the penalty for technical fouls listed in Rules 10-12.3 (Player/Substitute Technical Fouls) and 10-12.4 (Bench Technical Fouls) to include awarding the ball to the offended team at the division line opposite the scorers' table.</p> <p>Rationale: Addresses behavior of student-athletes and bench personnel, treats noncontact and contact behavior which is not an accepted part of the game equally, and fixes an inequity when a player instigates an opponent into a physical reaction.</p>
11-2.1.c.3, Page 99	<p>While game officials are using the available courtside monitor to determine whether a shot-clock violation occurred on a successful try, if it is determined that there was a shot-clock violation, to permit the game clock to be set to the time of the violation.</p> <p>Rationale: To simplify the amount of time to be placed back on the game clock when a shot-clock violation occurs.</p>
11-2.1.d.7 (NEW), Page 100	<p>To penalize misconduct (Rules 10-12.3.a and 10-12.4.a), but only as part of a monitor review to determine whether an unsportsmanlike or contact disqualifying foul occurred.</p> <p>Rationale: There are occasions when obvious acts of misconduct occur which cause or escalate volatile situations; under current rules, they may not be penalized. Examples include movements or body language to taunt or bait an opponent into a physical response.</p>
11-2.1.d.9 (NEW), Page 100	<p>To permit instant replay review to determine if a foul occurred prior to a shot-clock violation. When it is determined that the shot-clock violation occurred first, the game clock shall be set to the time of the violation.</p> <p>Rationale: To enhance the chances of correctly adjudicating a difficult play.</p>
11-3.1.a, Page 100	<p>To delete "and when necessary to determine the outcome of the game."</p> <p>Rationale: To ensure the game concludes with the correct score and other statistics.</p>