



**SICYO  
2016/17 Basketball Season  
Rule Changes**

**NFHS rule changes 2016/17**

Rule 2-5: Sound a warning signal to begin the 15 seconds (maximum) permitted for replacing a disqualified or injured player, or for a player directed to leave the game. Was 20 seconds

Rule 9-1-3h NEW: Players occupying marked free-throw lane line spaces may not enter the free-throw semicircle until the ball touches the ring or until the free throw ends.

**CYO local exception changes:**

**6 Grade-** The 3 point shot will be in effect for all boys and girls games at all levels (A/B/C). In addition 6 grade girls in the A/B/C division will shoot foul shots from the 15 foot foul line. Rationale- The 3 point shot is a tool in modern basketball, the move to the 15 foot foul line provides grade consistency.

**20 point No Press Rule-** Teams will be permitted to press until a team is leading a game by 20 points. When a team is ahead by 20 points, the defense must retreat behind the mid-court line. The press rule should be enforced as the "old C division rule", passes in an attempt to advance ball can be stolen, dribblers can be defended but not stolen, "cover up" is a full retreat of defense.

In addition, if the team trails by 20 points or more and choose to press, they are eligible to be pressed. The enforcement of the rule will revert back to the last defensive possession of the team trailing in the game.

Rationale- It is the judgement of SICYO based on game observations that 15 points is too small a lead to eliminate a press. In addition to keep competitive balance in each individual game, it is the opinion of SICYO that if a team chooses to continue to press, they can be pressed back.

**Spectator Suspension-** Any spectator that is ejected from a game site by an official, parish or CYO personnel will be suspended for 30 days.

Rationale- The suspension was changed from 4 games per child to 30 days to create consistency from family to family with multiple children participating in the SICYO

**Elimination of C division defense rule-** There will no longer be a rule regarding C division defense. Rules are designed by grade as opposed to division of play (A/B/C). The no overtime rule in C division will still be in effect.

Rationale- It is the judgement of the SICYO that rules should be designed by grade and not division. The competition level of each division is balanced, therefore NFHS rules should govern the league as much as possible.

**Points of emphasis/ Ongoing initiatives:**

\*Continue to reduce physicality in games

\*On court conduct of High school division participants



- \*Continue to develop sideline decorum and sportsmanship for coaches
- \*Continue education of game officials on traveling, shooting fouls, and conflict resolution
- \*Create rule consistency with the NFHS. Create rules by grade and not division (A/B/C) to have better and more consistent enforcement