



IHSA Basketball Rules Adopted for 2017-18

1. The Mercy Rule (Rule 5-5-3) can only be used in regular season tournaments that wish to utilize it. Regular season contests may not use the Mercy Rule under any circumstances. For those tournaments that wish to use the Mercy Rule, tournament managers are asked to notify the participating schools and officials of their intention to use the Mercy Rule in advance of the tournament.

For the purposes of this adoption, here are the conditions that must be followed:

A running clock shall be used in the fourth quarter games that have at least a 30-point differential score. Once a game reaches this differential and the clock starts running, it will continue running and stop only for one of the following:

- A team timeout
- An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player.
- The administration of a penalty for a technical foul
- An officials' timeout
- Correctable error situation

Please note this adoption applies only to regular season tournaments. It will not be used during the boys' or girls' state series.

2. The IHSA has adopted the use of a 28' coaches box for all regular and post season contests. Schools and officials are reminded that the use of the box is NOT a requirement. However, if the box is going to be used, it must be placed on the floor in accordance with rule 1-13-2. Schools and officials are also reminded that rule 10-5-4 and 10-6-1 clearly articulate the manner in which coaches can be off the bench within the confines of the box and the manner in which officials are to penalize the head coach or other bench personnel who violate the provisions of the coach's box rule.