

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS**  
**2008 BASKETBALL QUESTIONNAIRE**  
*(State Association Selected Group)*

Total Responses: 331 (SA= 23 OFFICIALS= 191 COACHES= 117)

*Bf* = State Associations that answered questionnaire

Boxed states deviate from NFHS playing rules.

Responses per state:

AL	0/0/29	CT	8/13/13	<i>ID</i>	1/11/11	LA	0/1/29	MS	5/18/19	NJ	11/31/31	<i>OK</i>	15/35/35	TN	0/1/27	WV	10/11/11
AK	0/1/11	<i>DE</i>	3/5/5	<i>IL</i>	1/1/51	<i>MA</i>	0/0/1	MO	18/41/41	NM	0/1/11	<i>OR</i>	16/21/21	TX	30/89/89	<i>WI</i>	24/35/35
AZ	0/0/17	<i>DC</i>	3/3/3	<i>IN</i>	17/29/29	<i>ME</i>	0/0/11	<i>MT</i>	6/13/13	<i>NY</i>	0/0/1	<i>PA</i>	6/21/51	UT	1/9/9	<i>WY</i>	3/5/5
<i>AR</i>	3/19/19	<i>FL</i>	0/1/45	IA	11/29/29	<i>MD</i>	0/0/1	<i>NE</i>	14/23/23	<i>NC</i>	11/14/27	<i>RI</i>	0/0/1	VT	0/1/5		
<i>CA</i>	0/0/1	<i>GA</i>	0/1/29	KS	15/27/27	MI	21/51/51	NV	0/0/7	<i>ND</i>	1/1/1	<i>SC</i>	6/13/15	<i>VA</i>	10/23/23		
<i>CO</i>	10/25/25	HI	0/0/5	<i>KY</i>	1/1/21	<i>MN</i>	0/0/1	NH	3/5/7	<i>OH</i>	36/59/59	<i>SD</i>	1/1/13	<i>WA</i>	0/0/1		

Questions		Total			State Association			Officials			Coaches		
		Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes
<b>PART I - Are these changes made last year satisfactory?</b>													
1.	Changing the warning horn for a 30-second time-out to be sounded with 15 seconds remaining.	290	41	88 %	22	1	96 %	182	9	95 %	86	31	74 %
2.	Changing the replacement interval for a disqualified or injured player to 20 seconds, with a warning horn sounded with 15 seconds remaining.	263	67	80 %	21	1	95 %	172	19	90 %	70	47	60 %
3.	Changing that a dribble ends when loss of control by the dribbler is caused by the opponent touching, or being touched by, the ball, rather than an intentional batting of the ball.	301	30	91 %	23	0	100 %	178	13	93 %	100	17	85 %
4.	Changing that a throw-in ends when the throw-in pass is "legally" touched by another player.	304	27	92 %	23	0	100 %	181	10	95 %	100	17	85 %
5.	Added a signal (spreading of the arms) for when a defender is not in a closely-guarding position.	309	22	93 %	21	2	91 %	174	17	91 %	114	3	97 %
<b>PART II - Observations - Have you seen in your area?</b>													
6.	An increase in unsporting behavior when teams are entering the court for warm-ups.	45	284	14 %	4	18	18 %	21	169	11 %	20	97	17 %
7.	An increase in uniforms being worn properly.	224	105	68 %	16	6	73 %	127	63	67 %	81	36	69 %
8.	An increase in traveling being called properly.	173	157	52 %	13	10	57 %	115	75	61 %	45	72	38 %
9.	An increase in palming being called properly.	183	145	56 %	16	7	70 %	114	76	60 %	53	62	46 %

Questions – continued		Total			State Association			Officials			Coaches		
PART II – Observations – Have you seen in your area?		Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes
10.	A disqualified player being replaced in a more timely fashion.	277	52	84 %	22	0	100 %	162	28	85 %	93	24	79 %
11.	The resumption-of-play procedure being properly utilized when a team delays its return following a time-out.	216	112	66 %	18	5	78 %	123	67	65 %	75	40	65 %
12.	The violation for a player leaving the floor for an unauthorized reason being properly called.	167	162	51 %	16	7	70 %	91	98	48 %	60	57	51 %
13.	Improved communication between coaches and officials since the calling official remains tableside after a foul.	221	109	67 %	19	4	83 %	140	50	74 %	62	55	53 %
Questions PART III - About the rules for 2008-09 - Would you favor?		Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes
14.	Having a team receive only one “team” technical foul for any and all illegal uniform design violations (currently it is a player technical foul for each starter and substitute entering the game with an illegal uniform).	268	61	81 %	17	6	74 %	163	26	86 %	88	29	75 %
15.	Having the rules book define what constitutes a “dark” uniform.	223	107	68 %	14	9	61 %	127	63	67 %	82	35	70 %
16.	Having any item that goes around the <i>entire</i> head (elastic strips/bands, pre-wrap, headbands, etc.) meet the same rule requirements regarding color uniformity (currently only the headband must meet those requirements)?	206	122	63 %	15	8	65 %	121	68	64 %	70	46	60 %
17.	Having <i>all</i> hair-control devices and headbands (rubber bands, scrunchies, pre-wrap, etc.) meet the same rule requirements regarding color uniformity (currently there is no color restriction for hair-control devices).	152	178	46 %	12	11	52 %	84	106	44 %	56	61	48 %
18.	During a free throw, moving all players up one space and leaving the two marked lane spaces closest to the end line vacant (currently spaces nearest the shooter are vacant).	237	91	72 %	10	13	43 %	132	56	70 %	95	22	81 %
19.	During a throw-in, having an illegal screen or any foul by the throw-in team considered a team-control foul resulting in a throw-in to the offended team (currently free throws could be awarded if a team is in the bonus).	218	111	66 %	13	10	57 %	152	37	80 %	53	64	45 %

<b>Questions – continued</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>% Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>%Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>% Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>% Yes</b>
<b>PART III - About the rules for 2008-09 - Would you favor?</b>													
20.	If not recognized immediately, having the penalty for an excessive time-out only permitted to be assessed within the correctable error timeframe (currently it can be penalized whenever it is discovered).	180	149	55 %	12	11	52 %	95	95	50 %	73	43	63 %
21.	Having the penalty for an excessive time-out only assessed while being violated; once the ball becomes live, it's too late to penalize.	177	153	54 %	9	14	39 %	109	81	57 %	59	58	50 %
22.	If the defense commits an excessively swinging the elbows violation while a try is in flight, ignoring the violation if the try is successful.	126	202	38 %	6	17	26 %	87	102	46 %	33	83	28 %
23.	Eliminating the resumption-of-play procedure (putting the ball down on the floor) and replacing it with a delay warning being issued to the offending team, with any subsequent delay – as with all delays – resulting in a technical foul.	183	149	55 %	12	11	52 %	108	83	57 %	63	54	54 %
24.	Beginning an overtime period with a throw-in by the team entitled to the ball under the alternating-possession procedure.	69	261	21 %	9	14	39 %	44	146	23 %	16	101	14 %
25.	Adding an additional signal to the signal chart for a hit to the head.	159	168	49 %	9	14	39 %	109	80	58 %	41	74	36 %
26.	Adding an additional signal to the signal chart for hook/wrap.	200	129	61 %	13	10	57 %	130	59	69 %	57	60	49 %
27.	Adding an additional signal to the signal chart for a trip.	163	161	50 %	10	13	43 %	108	77	58 %	45	71	39 %
28.	Adding an additional signal to the signal chart for basket interference.	175	152	54 %	13	10	57 %	107	82	57 %	55	60	48 %
29.	Adding an additional signal to the signal chart for an official's accidental whistle.	128	201	39 %	8	15	35 %	77	113	41 %	43	73	37 %