



COMMENTS ON THE 2013-14 RULES CHANGE

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES (1-19 NEW and 10-1-3): The previous rule was difficult to monitor and enforce by the contest officials. This rule allows the coach to take advantage of electronic tools available for use in coaching and gathering statistics. While in use, the coach must be in compliance with the guidelines that specify that electronic devices may not be used to communicate with the players on the playing floor nor can the device be used to dispute an official's call.

ADDITIONAL OF A SINGLE MANUFACTURER'S LOGO TO THE JERSEY (3-4-2a): This change would bring basketball in compliance with other NFHS sports that allow the use of a single manufacturer's logo on the jersey of the playing uniform.

LEG COMPRESSION SLEEVE REQUIREMENTS (3-5-3): The specifications for leg compression sleeves were added because of the frequent use of these sleeves for non-medical reasons. The specifications match those of arm compression sleeve. They must be white, beige, or a single solid school color. The sleeve must be the same color for each team member and have only a single manufacturer's logo that does not exceed 2 1/4 square inches. The sleeve must be worn for medical reasons only.

HEAD COACH ENTERING THE PLAYING COURT (10-4-5 NOTE): While the head coach and his/her assistants have an obligation to ensure bench personnel comply with Rule 10-4-5, if a situation develops where a fight either has or may break out, the head coach by his/her presence can be instrumental in preventing the situation from escalating and assisting the game officials in controlling the situation. This change will remove the requirement of the head coach being beckoned onto the floor by the officials in this situation which will result in a more expedient resolution of the situation and restoration of order. The change will also allow the officials a greater opportunity to assess appropriate penalties by being able to observe the situation because of the increased assistance the head coach(es) will provide by their presence.

***TIP SIGNAL:** This signal increases the official's ability to communicate with the players, coaches and fans on critical plays. Immediately communicating whether or not the defense tipped the ball allows the offensive team to immediately know whether or not they can recover the ball without penalty. Having no signal actually gives the defense an unfair advantage as they do not need to know which team caused the ball to enter the backcourt, they can recover the ball without penalty regardless.