

November 1, 2023

Rules Meetings are winding down and middle school basketball has begun as the calendar flips to November.

It has been great to see many officials and some coaches so far at rules meetings. There have been a few things that have spurred discussion. Here are some additional items that will help you get prepared for the season.

- [7-5-2 through 7-5-4 flow chart](#)
- [Interpretation of pants and sleeves](#)
- [Dunking in pregame is not legal](#)
- [Timer and scorer guidelines](#)

#### **Rule 4-8-1 Change (no more one-and-ones)**

- While we encourage all schools to have updated scorebook to reflect this rule change, it is not required. If your school still has one from the past with 10 fouls in each half – we require schools to draw a line between 5 and 6. Fouls 1-2-3-4-5 will be the first and third quarters. Fouls 6-7-8-9-10 will be the second and fourth quarters.
- We've instructed ADs to work with scoreboard operators to stop the foul count at 5 each quarter, just like the count used to stop at 10 each half.

#### **Rule Change 3-5-6 (dark undershirts for the AWAY team)**

- Away teams may now wear black t-shirts under jerseys. In the past they were only allowed to wear the same color as the torso of the jersey. On the top of page 31 in the [2023-2024 KSHSAA Basketball Manual](#), this point could be interpreted as legal for the home team to wear black as well. Home teams may only wear white under their jersey.

#### **Jamborees**

- In April, the board of directors approved jamborees at the high school level only. Here is [basketball jamboree information](#).
  - Jamborees are intended to be varsity vs. varsity. If a school has a JV squad, it may jamboree against other JV squads. It is impermissible for a varsity team to jamboree against a JV team.
- If a JV jamboree is directly following a varsity jamboree, it is impermissible for a student to participate in both levels. A jamboree at one level is a jamboree. A student may only participate in one jamboree.

#### **Some FAQs That We've Fielded**

Q: Can a high school coach take his/her team to a college basketball game/scrimmage prior to the first day of high school practice?

A: No, coaches may not use school transportation to take students to games prior to the start of the season. Prior to the start of practice, there is not a team, therefore team activities can't take place.

Q: Can a high school boys coach supervise an open gym for the high school girl's basketball team?

A: An open gym is open to all students in the school. It is not permissible for an open gym to occur for a specific team.

Q: Can a high school basketball coach open the door to an open gym and only watch?

A: Open gyms may not be supervised by a coach of a sport being played out of season. All open gyms should be supervised.

Q: When does a player become a member of the school team?

A: When the student begins practice with the team. When school practices start, players may no longer play or practice on a non-school team.

Q: Can high school players work youth camps prior to the start of high school practice and/or during Buffer Week?

A: During Buffer Week students grades 9-12 are not permitted in school facilities for athletic purposes unless they are still playing football. Basketball players are not permitted to help with “youth camps” organized by the school coach other than during the school season. What is proposed here is not permitted.

Q: Can high school teams practice or scrimmage against middle school teams?

A: Boys can’t practice against or scrimmage girls. It is permissible to have an alumni scrimmage.

### **The Postseason Ball**

The post-season basketball that will be used in Kansas is the Spalding TF 1000 Legacy.

### **Remaining Rules Meetings - Basketball Dates and Locations – 2023 – Meetings Start at 7:00 p.m.**

Wed.	Nov. 1	Seneca-Nemaha Valley HS
Thurs.	Nov. 2	Derby HS
Mon.	Nov. 6	El Dorado - PAC
Tues.	Nov. 7	Pittsburg HS
Wed.	Nov. 8	Olathe Northwest HS
Thurs.	Nov. 9	Topeka-Washburn Rural HS - Library
Mon.	Nov. 13	OP-Blue Valley Southwest HS

All meetings will begin at 7pm. An online version will be available for coaches who can’t attend one of these in-person meetings.