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TO: Senior Woman Administrators, Head Basketball Coaches and Conference Coordinators of Officials at Institutions that Sponsor Women's Basketball.

FROM: Leslie Claybrook, chair
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NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: 10-Second Back Court Experimental Rule.

In a continued effort to examine the 10-second back court rule, and based on surveys and feedback from coaches and stakeholders in the game, the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee is requesting that member institutions participate in an experimental rule for the upcoming season. **The committee is asking teams and officials to use a 10-second back court and 30 second shot clock during one 2011 home exhibition game or one 40 minute game-like scrimmage. The following data should be recorded for the *home team only*:**

- **Total number of fouls**
- **Total number of turnovers**
- **Total number of 10-second back court violations**
- **Total number of 30-second shot clock violations**
- **Final score**

The experimental rule will allow the committee to augment data and statistics for future consideration, as well as analyze qualitative data from coaches.

When using the 10-second back court count, officials will adhere to the following rules:

1. An inbounds player (and her team) shall not be in continuous control of a ball that is in her back court for 10 consecutive seconds. The 10-second count shall **begin** when a **player is in control** of the ball in her back court and the count shall **end** when there is **no longer team control** in the back court. Because the count begins on player control and the shot clock begins on the touch, the shot clock CANNOT be used to time the 10-second count unless there was player control on the initial touch that ended the throw-in. Please see Rule 4-15 on player and team control and A.R. 226 and 227 for case plays on the 10-second back court count.

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2. When the ball goes out of bounds in the back court and the offensive team retains possession, a new 10-second count is granted.
3. There will be no closely guarded count on the hold in the back court when using the 10-second back court count so disregard Rule 4-13.2 when officiating the 10-second back court experimental rule.

Attached is a template to use when compiling the data. The completed spreadsheet should be sent electronically to Rachel Seewald (rseewald@ncaa.org) at the NCAA national office. **The deadline for submission is Thursday, December 1st.**

In advance, thank you for your participation in this effort. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Rachel Seewald at 317/917-6141.

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Enclosure



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10-Second Back Court Data Collection

Name of Institution: _____

Division: _____

Opponent: _____

Check one of the following:

_____ Exhibition Game

_____ 40 Minute Game-Like Scrimmage

Total number of fouls (home team only): _____

Total number of turnovers (home team only): _____

Total number of 10-second back court violations (home team only): _____

Total number of 30-second shot clock violations (home team only) : _____

Final score: _____

Comments:

Submit form by Dec. 1st to rseewald@ncaa.org