



2018-19 Men's Basketball Rules Change

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee and the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel. Both rules are effective beginning with the 2018-19 season.

[Note: Rules 1-26.2 and 1-26.4 below was also adopted by the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.]

Rule	Page	Proposal, Rationale
1-26.2 and 1-26.4	31	<p>To permit elbow, hand, finger, wrist or forearm guards, casts or braces made of fiberglass, plaster, metal or other non-pliable substance to be used by players during competition as long as the protective device is completely covered with not less than 1/2-inch thickness of slow-rebounding foam.</p> <p>Rationale: Rule 1-26.2 currently prohibits a player from competing if the player has an elbow, hand, finger, wrist or forearm guard, cast or brace that is made of fiberglass, plaster, metal or any other non-pliable substance. This proposal is based on a recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) that the padding requirements of Rule 1-26.4 [i.e., pliable (flexible or easily bent) material, covered on all exterior sides and edges with not less than ½-inch thickness of slow-rebounding foam, may be used to immobilize and protect an injury] are sufficient to protect other players who may contact or be contacted by an injured player's protective equipment. This proposal is subject to Rule 1-26.1, which states that the referee shall not permit any player to wear equipment that in his or her judgment is dangerous to other players.</p> <p><i>Note: The institution's medical staff is still responsible for first determining if the injured player is medically cleared to participate with the protective equipment.</i></p>
4-10	44-45	<p>To adjust the current delay of game rules by delineating the types of delays of game caused by a coach and delays of game caused by a player.</p> <p>Article 2: Coach delays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to have the court ready for play after the final horn to end any timeout (currently Rule 4-10.1.e). • Delaying the game by failing to resume play immediately following the second warning horn indicating the end of the timeout or when a disqualified/ejected or injured player must be replaced (currently Rule 4-10.1.g). <p>Article 3: Player delays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeatedly delaying the game by preventing the ball from being promptly put into play, such as delaying the administration of a throw-in or free throw by engaging in a team huddle anywhere on the playing court (currently Rule 4-10.1.d). • Attempting to gain an advantage by interfering with the ball after a goal or by failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearest official after a whistle is blown (currently Rule 4-10.1.f). <p>Article 4: One team warning shall be given to either the head coach or a player for a delay assessed to the coach or a player for a delay per Article 2 or 3 above. Each warning shall be reported to the official scorer and recorded in the scorebook. Thereafter, when a coach has been warned for any delay per Article 2 above, and the coach commits another delay violation under Article 2, the coach shall be assessed</p>

		<p>a technical foul. When any player on the team which has committed a previous player delay commits another delay violation per Article 3 above, a technical foul shall be assessed.</p> <p>Rationale: To clarify and revise the rule approved in 2017, which became complicated and cumbersome for coaches to understand and officials to enforce. The revised rule divides the types of delays into those for which the coach is responsible and those for which the players are responsible. In either case, the coach or the player would receive one warning for any delay in the category for which each is responsible. Thereafter, a technical foul would be assessed to the coach or any player, or teammate of the player, who committed a second delay.</p>
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