Shot Clock Information

The following guidelines will be followed for those schools using a shot clock during varsity showcases and invitational tournaments with coach agreement for all conferences.

NFHS Basketball Rule 2, Section 14: Shot Clock

By state association adoption, member state associations may establish a shot clock in which the team in control shall attempt a try for field goal within 35 seconds after gaining team control.

ART. 1 . . .This shall be regulated by a visible shot clock.
ART. 2 . . . The tap or try for field goal shall leave the shooter's hand before the expiration of time and subsequently strike the basket ring or enter the basket before or after the shot clock period has expired.

In addition to the information above, the following guidelines should be followed:

- Reset to 35 seconds on all fouls/violations
- Reset to 35 seconds on an offensive rebound
- 10-second count stays in effect (There will not be a manual count for the 10-second violation – this will go off the shot clock.) The official shall use a silent, visible 10-second count when there is no shot clock visible.
- Five second count stays in effect with a manual count
- If shot clock malfunctions and does not work, the game is played/completed without the use of a shot clock

Information regarding Game and Table Officials, Official's General Duties, Shot Clock Operator, Timing Errors and Shot Clock Violation may be found in the 2026-27 NFHS Basketball Rules Book starting on page 77.