



COMMENTS ON THE 2015-16 RULES CHANGES

PLAYERS, SUBSTITUTES AND EQUIPMENT (3-4-2b NOTE added): The note was added to be consistent with other NFHS sports to allow a single American Flag to be worn on the jersey. The basketball uniform consists of a jersey, shorts or a skirt. State Associations may allow for special occasion, commemorative or memorial patches not to exceed the 4 square inch maximum allowed. The special patch may be worn on the jersey in an area that does not compromise the integrity of the number.

DEFINITIONS (4-19-7, clarified): The current definition of a team control foul has been in place since 2011-12. This provided greater consistency in the application of penalties for common fouls during a throw-in. A common foul committed by the offense would always result in possession to the offended team. The change was accomplished by modifying the definitions of team control and player control.

To further clarify, the end of the throw in may not end team control for the purpose of ruling a team control foul. The act of legally touching the ball after the release of the throw in, ends the throw in, but does not end 'team control status' for the purpose of ruling a team control foul.

CONTACT (10-6-12, clarified): The change in 2014-15 identified specific acts that are to be ruled fouls when applied on a ball handler/dribbler. Changes have been made by the committee to clarify when a player becomes a ball handler. When a player becomes the ball handler the provisions of rule 10-6-12 will apply.