

## **2019-20 Rules Changes:**

**3-4-3e (2):** The team jersey color itself when bordered with not more than two ¼ inch solid border(s) contrasting with the team jersey color. **(Effective 2024-25)**

**3-5-4b:** A headband is any item that goes around the entire head. It must be a circular design without extensions. If worn, only one headband is permitted, it must be worn on the forehead/crown. It must be nonabrasive and unadorned, and it **must be no more than 3 inches wide.**

**3-5-4d:** Add to (d) - Hair control devices are **not** required to meet color restrictions.

**3-5-5:** Add Note: NOTE: Provided the shorts are not in conflict with 3-4-5, no drawstring or other part of the shorts intended to maintain them in a normal position causes potential harm to the player or others and wearing of the shorts is not objectionable in exposing the anatomy, **there is no restriction on folding or rolling the shorts at the natural waistband seam.**

### **3-5-8 NEW: MOUTHGUARD**

1. A tooth and mouth protector (intraoral), if worn shall:
  - a. include an occlusal (protecting and separating the biting surfaces) portion;
  - b. include a labial (protecting the teeth and supporting structures) portion;
  - c. cover the posterior teeth with adequate thickness;
2. It is recommended that the protector be properly fitted, protecting the anterior (leading) dental arch and:
  - a. constructed from a model made from an impression of the individual's teeth, or
  - b. constructed and fitted to the individual by impressing the teeth into the tooth and mouth protector itself.
3. State associations may deem a tooth and mouth protector required equipment.

### **9-9-1: Exception:**

A ball in team control of Team A in the front court that is deflected by a defensive player, which causes the ball to go into the backcourt, may be recovered by either team unless the offense was the last to touch the ball before it went into the backcourt. If the offense was last to touch the ball in its frontcourt, only the defense can legally recover the basketball.

**10-5-5 Note:** The head coach and **any number of assistant coaches** may enter the court in the situation where a fight may break out - or has broken out - to prevent the situation from escalating.

## **New Signal:**

**Stop Clock for Jump/Held Ball-Part 3 of the NFHS Basketball Officials Manual-#3: When a held ball occurs, covering official(s) shall stop the clock using signal #2 (straight arm, open palm extended) while simultaneously sounding their whistle.** Then both arms are extended straight out, at chest level, with fist clinched. Thumbs are displayed as a part of the signal. Signal is given with both arms moving in an upward motion. Should be followed with a directional signal (See #6) indicating team possession.

### **2019-20 Points of Emphasis**

1. **Head Band and Hair Control Devices**
2. **Medical Bracelet**
3. **Throw-in Violations**
4. **Pre-Game Meeting with Administrator on Supervision and Crowd Control**