

**ARTICLE 160  
BASKETBALL**

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**1600. GIRLS MODIFICATION**

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The National Federation Basketball Rules shall be modified for girls basketball as follows:

- A. Utilization of 30-second shot clock.
- B. No 10-second rule in backcourt.
- C. Utilization of five (5)-second count for holding the ball only.

1600.1 A visible clock is not required.

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**1601. BOYS MODIFICATION**

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The National Federation Basketball Rules shall be modified for boys basketball as follows:

- A. Utilization of a 35-second shot clock.

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**1602. UNIFORMS**

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The National Federation boys and girls uniform rules shall be waived to allow for the wearing of a shirt with diagonal or tailed lettering at the non-varsity level.

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**1603. THREE (3)-PERSON OFFICIATING**

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Three (3)-person officiating teams may be used at all games in every round of the State Basketball Tournament.  
(Approved October 2000 Federated Council)

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**1604. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK**

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Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

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**1605. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS**

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Boys and Girls Regional and State Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.

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1605.1 All basketball games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation basketball rules unless otherwise provided herein.

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**1606. MERCY RULE**

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At the conclusion of the third quarter or any point thereafter, if there is a point differential of 40 or more points, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game regardless of the score. This Bylaw applies to all levels of play.

(Approved May 2004 Federated Council)

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**<>1607. SCRIMMAGES – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B and 1206.C**

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1607.1 SCRIMMAGES: In the CIF-SS an interscholastic scrimmage in basketball is a training session between a minimum of two schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) A carnival may be conducted in lieu of an interscholastic scrimmage and must be sanctioned by the Commissioner.

<>1607.2 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to Nov 15 and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

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## **1608. TOURNAMENTS**

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**QUESTION:** Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

**ANSWER:** If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level, they will be charged one for one for all games played by both teams against the maximum 28 contests. IE. 6 total games played by both teams (3 by each team) counts as 6 games against the 28 maximum contests

1608.1 Tournament managers are responsible for notifying participating schools of the number of games and/or teams participating in the tournament.

NOTE: Two contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments. (See Bylaw 1616.)

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## **1609. CARNIVALS**

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The following conditions shall govern league or district carnival:

1609.1 All district or league carnivals must be sanctioned by the Commissioner.

1609.2 Such carnivals must include four or more schools from one league or one school district.

1609.3 Officials may be used.

1609.4 Each team will be permitted to participate in a maximum of two regulation 8-minute periods. Opponents must be different for each period.

1609.5 Admission may be charged, but net receipts may not go to the participating schools. Profits shall be donated to worthy charities or placed in the league treasury to benefit all schools in the league.

1609.6 Each carnival will count as the one allowable scrimmage per team.

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## **<>1610. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS**

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No interscholastic contest may be scheduled prior to November 17.

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## **1611. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B**

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A basketball team will be permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section CIF State playoffs, Section Foundation or Scholarship Games or League culminating tournament.

1611.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

1611.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

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## **<>1612. END OF COMPEITION**

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All competition must end on or before Wednesday, February 4.

**QUESITON:** Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

**ANSWER:** No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

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**1613. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL**

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*During Individual's Season of Sport* - A member of a high school basketball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of basketball. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament, or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (tournament, non-league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

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**1614. COLOR OF JERSEYS**

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In all basketball games played between member schools of the CIF Southern Section, the host team shall wear white-colored jerseys, and the visiting team shall wear dark-colored jerseys. If a team has only one set of jerseys, it will be its responsibility to notify the opponent in sufficient time in advance of any scheduled contest, so that proper arrangements can be made to make certain both teams have contrasting colored jerseys.

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**1615. HOST TEAM SELECT LEGAL COURT**

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The host team in basketball shall select the court, and such court must be legal according to the rules.

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**1616. PLAYOFFS**

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Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)