



2009-10 NCAA Women's Basketball

RULES CHANGES

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The rule references below are taken from the 2008-09 Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Book.

Rule 1-15. The ball shall be spherical which is defined as a round body whose surface at all points is equidistant from the center except at the approved black rubber ribs. The ball's color shall be an approved PMS color of orange. The ball shall have a deeply pebbled leather or composite cover, have traditionally shaped eight panels defined by two channels. The width of the black rib shall not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Rationale: The rule on the basketball was clarified.

Rule 2-13.5. Permit officials to use the monitor to determine whether a flagrant foul has occurred. When it is determined that a flagrant foul did not occur but an intentional personal or a (men) contact technical foul or (women) player/substitute technical foul for dead ball contact did occur, those fouls shall be penalized accordingly. However, no other infractions may be penalized.

Rationale: Properly penalizes unsporting or egregious contact.

Rule 3-3.2. Assess a maximum of one administrative technical foul for any changes made to the scorebook, except when the changes are necessitated by obvious injury or illness, blood on the uniform or to replace a designated starter to shoot a technical-foul free throw after the 10-minute time limit prior to the start of the game and until the game has ended.

Rationale: To further discourage changes in the book after the 10-minute time limit and to clarify 10-2 Penalty, thus creating consistency in how the rule is applied.

Rule 3-5. The rule on uniforms was rewritten to allow more freedom of design while protecting the integrity of the number. In summary, an area designated as the Neutral Zone will house only the player's name and number. There will be no color or design restrictions outside the Neutral Zone. The game shorts must be a color similar to that of the Neutral Zone.

Rationale: To update the uniform rule to allow more color and design possibilities.

Rule 3-7.6. The addition of mouth guard protectors to the list of appropriate basketball equipment.

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Rule 6-2.2. After an initial jump ball or a jump ball for the start of an extra period(s) when possession is not gained by either team which would establish the alternating-possession procedure, a jump ball shall take place between any two players.

Rationale: Having any two players involved in the jump ball creates an equitable way to establish the alternating-possession procedure since possession was never gained by either team.

Rules Supplements: Add as a recommendation that a standard collegiate scorebook/score sheet be used for all NCAA basketball games.

Rationale: The high school and college scorebooks are different and cause confusion and errors by scorers, officials, coaches and media.