

Shot Clock Voted Down

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The National Federation of State High School Association has voted down the possible use of a shot clock in high school basketball. According to Kent Summers, director of performing arts and sports at the NFHS, "In addition to

the fact that there is some concern about the costs associated with the use of a shot clock, the committee also expressed a belief that the game is typically played with an up-tempo style even without a shot clock. In addition, the committee believes that coaches should have the option of a slower-paced game if they believe it makes their team more competitive in specific situations. "This could be especially true for smaller schools with limited budgets, which comprise a significant number of the 18,000 basketball-playing schools. Since the NFHS writes rules for all sizes of schools and teams, it has to consider what is best for the masses."

The committee did approve one rule change and two major editorial changes, which subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors. Rule 2-12 will now require the official scorer to wear a black-and-white vertically striped garment. Previously, this was a recommendation for schools.

"The players, coaches and officials need to be able to quickly and easily identify the official scorer, and making this a requirement should assist in that regard," Summers said.