

BASKETBALL Policies & Pairings

Wilson is the official game ball of UHSAA basketball.

The EVO NXT will be the official game ball for the state tournaments.

Note: The 1A play-in games shall be held at the state tournament site the day prior. The higher seeded team shall be the designated home team.

State Tournament Pairings

State Tournament pairings are determined by a schools RPI Ranking within that schools classification.

35 Point Rule: An alternate timing rule is in effect for all levels (ie; varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshmen) of Utah high school basketball games when after the third quarter is over, a team's lead exceeds 34 points.

Modified Rule: The clock shall run continuously for the remainder of the game, except for the following reasons:

- a. An official's time-out
- b. A charged team time-out
- c. Free throws are taken

If the differential drops below 35 points, the clock still runs continuously until the game is over, except for the stated three reasons. The shot clock will still be utilized regardless of the score differential.

This rule is in effect for all non-region, region and post-season games for both boys and girls.

By State Adoption Beginning with the 2024-2025 Basketball Season

NFHS 9-10-1a (NEW), 4-10: Allows state associations to adopt a modification to the closely guarded rule, if they have adopted the 35-second shot clock, allowing player to dribble the ball for more than five (5) seconds while closely guarded and maintain that a player may not hold the ball for five (5) seconds or more.

Once the ball crosses into the front court, the five (5) second count will not be enforced while the ball is being dribbled. Once the ball is held, the five (5) second count will begin by the official.

Please be advised that this modification will begin for the 2024-2025 Basketball Season.