

**ARTICLE 160
BASKETBALL**

1600. GIRLS MODIFICATION

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.

1601. BOYS MODIFICATION

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

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

1602. UNIFORMS

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.

1603. THREE (3)-PERSON OFFICIATING

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

(Approved October 2000 Federated Council)

1604. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

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

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

~~**1605. COACHES' BOX**~~

~~A 14 foot coaches' box will be utilized.~~

~~(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council)~~

16056. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

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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Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised October 2015 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

16067. MERCY RULE

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)