

IAABO—HIGH SCHOOL  
SHOT CLOCK OPERATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
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PROCEDURES

Shot clock shall be used entire game . . . including any overtime periods

Shot clock duration for 30/35 seconds per State association

START SHOT CLOCK

Throw-In: When an in-bounds player legally touches or is touched by the ball  
(Exception: Kicking or Fisting the ball)

Jump Ball: When a player gains CONTROL of ball

Missed Try: When a player gains CONTROL of ball

Missed Free Throw: When a player gains CONTROL of ball

Loose Ball: When a player gains CONTROL of ball

OFFICIALS' SIGNALS

RESET: A whirling motion of a pointed index finger above head

VIOLATION: Official taps top of head with open palm

WHEN TO RESET

Floor violations (except kicking or fisting the ball)

Intentionally kicked or fisted ball, with 14 seconds or less on the shot clock, reset to 15 seconds

Ball hits ring on a try or tap (shot clock stops) reset when team control acquired

Opponent secures CONTROL of the ball

Personal foul

Technical Foul

Try/tap fails to hit ring and is recovered by opponent

Held ball (if DEFENSIVE team has A/P arrow)

WHEN NOT TO RESET

Defensive team touches ball, but does NOT gain CONTROL

Defensive team causes ball to go out of bounds

Defensive team causes a HELD BALL, but OFFENSIVE team has A/P arrow

Intentionally kicking or fisting the ball with 15 seconds or more on the shot clock

Blocked tries/taps recovered by the OFFENSIVE team

Try/tap fails to hit ring and is recovered by OFFENSIVE team

Held ball during a throw-in and OFFENSIVE team has A/P arrow

Time-out is granted

Game is stopped due to injury or loss of glasses/contact lens

Game is stopped due to blood rule

Any shot at WRONG basket

**ABSOLUTES**

Participate with pre-game meeting with Referee

Be attentive, accurate and maintain focus during entire game, avoid distractions

Maintain eye contact with the official responsible for putting ball in play

Maintain an appearance of impartiality throughout the game; you are a game official