

2015-2016 NCAA Rules Changes

The NCAA has adopted new rules for the men's game that directly affect the NWBA game. As you know, the NWBA plays by NCAA Men's rules with a few modifications for the wheelchair games. Here is a link to the changes for 2015-2016. The complete list of changes can be found here:

<http://www.ncaa.com/news/basketball-men/article/2015-06-08/ncaa-changes-shot-clock-30-seconds-makes-other-changes-game>

Summary of Rule Changes that Affect the NWBA Game

Pace of play

With an eye on reducing inaction, the panel approved several proposals to improve the pace of play. The most significant is **reducing the shot clock to 30 seconds**.

Teams will also have **one fewer team timeout (only three can carry over instead of four)** in the second half.

Officials will focus more on resuming play quickly after a timeout and will issue a delay-of-game warning when a team does not comply and a one-shot technical foul on subsequent violations.

The rest of the package designed to improve the pace of play includes:

- **Removing the ability for a coach to call timeout when the ball is live.**
- Allowing a **total of only 10 seconds** to advance the ball to the front court (with a few exceptions).
- Reducing the amount of time allotted to replace a disqualified player from 20 to 15 seconds.

Restricted-area arc

The panel also approved the expansion of the restricted-area arc from 3 feet to 4 feet. This arc would be effective in 2015-16 for Division I and 2016-17 for Divisions II and III. Moving the arc a foot farther from the basket is part of a continued focus on reducing the number of collisions at the basket.

Faking fouls

During the use of a video review to see if a possible flagrant foul occurred, the panel approved a rule that would allow officials to penalize players who fake fouls. The NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee felt that players trying to draw fouls by deception is a growing issue.

Other changes

Other proposals approved by the panel include:

- **Eliminating** the five-second closely guarded rule while dribbling the ball.