



# MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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## Shot Clock FAQ's

Q1: Where should the shot clocks be mounted?

A1: Shot clocks shall be recessed and mounted on the backboard supports behind each backboard.

Q3: Can I put a corporate sponsor or other signage on the shot clock?

A3: Nothing shall be attached to the mounting mechanisms of the shot clock that affects the visibility of the shot clock. Corporate sponsorship signs can be used if it does not violate previous statement.

Q4: Where does the shot clock operator sit?

A4: A shot clock operator will be located at the scorer's and timer's table. It is recommended that the timer and shot clock operator be seated next to each other.

Q5: How will the 10-second backcourt count work with a shot clock?

A5: Officials will use the shot clock to administer the 10-second backcourt count. Officials will use a silent, visible 10-second count when there is no shot clock because having less than 35 seconds on the clock.

Q6: How long is the shot clock?

A6: 35 seconds for both Boys-and-Girls Basketball

Q7: Will the shot clock still be used in the case of the MHSA Mercy Rule going into effect?

A7: Yes, the shot clock is always used during game play, except where there is less time remaining on the game clock than on the shot clock.

Q8: Do I need a horn for a shot clock violation, and should it be different than the game clock horn?



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A8: Yes, you do need a horn for a shot clock violation and it shall be different from the game clock horn.

Q9: Do I reset the shot clock on injuries?

A9: No, the shot clock should not be reset. The NFHS rules are very specific on scenarios where there should be a reset of the shot clock. Visit [MHSA Shot Clock Guidelines](#) for more information on these scenarios.

Q10: Where do I gain specific information on starting and stopping the shot clock in a game?

A10: The MHSA is utilizing the NFHS rule for shot clock adoption. The rule information can be accessed at: [MHSA Shot Clock Guidelines](#)

Q11: Should I do a training with game operations and score table personnel before the season?

A11: Absolutely. The MHSA will be working on resources for you to use in your training, and please teach on the NFHS rules at: [Duties of Shot Clock Operator](#).