

**Rules  
Reference**

**2004-05 Basketball Rules Changes**

- 1-5-2** Deletes the requirement for contrasting colored lines for the lane spaces/neutral zone and lane boundary lines.
- 1-13-2** Deletes the requirement for the coaching box line to contrast with the boundary lines.
- 3-4-6  
Note** Beginning in 2007-08, the home team will be required to wear white jerseys and the visiting team dark jerseys.
- 4-29** Expanded kicking rule to include intentionally striking the ball with any part of the leg or foot.
- 10-3-7d** Expanded rule pertaining to obstructing an opponent's vision to include the player with the ball.
- 10-4-4** Added that bench personnel will be charged with a flagrant foul if they leave the confines of the bench when a fight *may* break out.

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**2004-05 Major Editorial Changes**

- 2-8-4** Clarifies that the official shall notify the coach, signal the timer to start the replacement interval and then notify the player on a disqualification.
- 3-3-6  
Note** Added a new note clarifying that both teams must request a time-out in order to keep two opposing players in the game that were both directed to leave for injury/blood.
- 4-10** Clarifies that a closely guarded situation occurs when the player holding or dribbling the ball is continuously guarded by any opponent who is within six feet.
- 4-11-1** Clarifies that continuous motion applies to a try or tap for field goals and free throws, when there is a foul by any defensive player, not just a defensive foul on the shooter.
- 4-23-3a** Further clarified the requirements after initial legal guarding position has been established.
- 7-5-7** Clarifies that a team will retain end line run privileges after a violation or common foul.
- 8-1-1 & 2** Separates previous Art. 1 into two articles addressing typical free throw administration and when the resumption-of-play procedure is in effect (remaining articles were renumbered).
- Signal  
Chart** Illegal use of hands adjusted from an open hand to a closed fist across the arm.

**2004-05 Points of Emphasis**

1. Closely Guarded
2. Time-out Administration
3. Legal Player Positioning
4. Specific Unsporting Acts

### **Major Officials Manual Change**

**(NOTE:** The NFHS Officials Manual is not being edited this year; however, the Basketball Rules Committee made the following change, which will be reflected in the 2005-07 edition.)

The foul calling official in a three-person crew will go tableside after calling the foul to enhance communication with coaches and the scorer's table.