

## 2008-09 NFHS Basketball Rules Changes

- 3-5-3** Defined a headband as any item that goes around the entire head. Black and beige were added to the colors a team is permitted to wear.
- 8-1-4b, c, d, e** Changed the occupied free-throw spaces to move all players up one marked lane space; leaving the spaces between the end line and block vacant. NOTE: A new lane-space mark (2 inches by 8 inches) must be applied to the lane line near the free-throw line to designate the last 3-foot marked lane space.
- 10-5-4 NEW** Changed that a maximum of one technical foul is charged directly to the head coach when a participant wears an illegal jersey, illegal pants/skirt or an illegal number.

### 2008-09 Major Editorial Changes

- 3-4** Uniform section reorganized to separate the topics by articles and adjust the language to reflect current industry standards/terminology.
- 4-27-2** Removed a portion of the 'incidental contact' definition to clarify that a foul should be called when displacement occurs from opponents attempting to secure a loose ball.
- 4-42-5** Article reorganized into sub-articles for clarity.
- 10-5** Section reorganized for better understanding and clarity.

### Points of Emphasis

1. Legal Uniforms
2. Rough Play
3. Time-outs
4. Slapping the Backboard
5. Officials' Mechanics and Signals

Requests for basketball rules interpretations or explanations should be directed to the state association responsible for the high school basketball program in your state. The NFHS will assist in answering rules questions from state associations whenever called upon.