



MHSAA BASKETBALL INTERPRETATIONS and POINTS OF EMPHASIS (BY TOPIC)

TOPIC

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EYEGLOSS STRAPS

Eyeglass straps do not constitute as headbands or hair-restraining devices and are not subject to specific restrictions/requirements the rule book provides for those items. Eyeglass straps (which may be of any color) can be worn if the strap is worn relatively close to the head and do not pose a significant danger to the player, teammates or opponents.

HEADBANDS (PRE-WRAP)

Pre-wrap is allowed; however, knots are not. If the headband has a noticeable knot, regardless of the material, it cannot be worn.

KNEE (PATELLA) BANDS

Bands may be worn under the kneecap; however, they are not considered braces. Therefore, they are subject to the same color restrictions as any other allowable accessory, such as compression sleeves. If they are one of the allowable colors by rule, and match all other similar accessories worn by teammates, they are legal.

CLOCK/TIMING (RUNNING CLOCK)

During a game when the point differential rule creates a running clock situation, the clock will be resumed under normal timing procedures if it is stopped for one of the exceptions (*i.e., timeouts, between quarters and for free throws during the last two minutes of the game*).

COACHING BOX (SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES)

The rules provide that only the head coach shall have privilege to stand in the coaching box during the game. Reasonable considerations, however, are permitted as follows:

- When the head coach must remain seated due to injury or other physical limitation, he/she may assign an assistant to stand in the box in his/her place. This is not permitted when the head coach simply chooses not to stand, and there is no alternating between the head coach and an assistant. Additionally, a direct or indirect technical assessed to either the head coach (seated) or the assigned assistant coach (standing) results in the loss of coaching box privileges for the remainder of the game.
- When a sign language interpreter is needed to convey the head coach's words to a deaf student on the floor, both the head coach and the interpreter shall be permitted to stand in the coaching box. If a direct or indirect technical is assessed to the head coach, both the head coach and the interpreter must sit for the remainder of the game; though the interpreter may rise to communicate with the deaf student when necessary.