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NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

POSITION PAPER

A. Title/Topic: Use of a Shot Clock in scholastic games

B. Suggested Stance/Position for NHSBCA

It is the opinion of the National High School Basketball Coaches Association that the use of the shot clock should be an option available to every state for adoption.

C. Brief Background (facts, etc.)

D. As of the end of the 2016-17 academic year, there are eight states (Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island, Washington, New York, California, North Dakota and South Dakota) that allow use of the shot clock at some level in at least 1 gender in their state. There are a number of other states that have also expressed an interest in at least looking into use of the shot clock. However, the purchase of the equipment necessary to implement the use of the shot clock is a significant expense. Many state leaders are hesitant to mandate that expense upon every school in their state without more information.

E. Rationale, other information

The NHSBCA suggests that the National Federation make the use of the shot clock a state adoption measure for at least 5 years. The NFHS could make use of the shot clock optional, with language similar to what it used this year in enlarging the coaching box *“The coaching box now shall be bounded by a line drawn 28 feet from the end line toward the division line. A line drawn from the sideline toward the team bench becomes the end of the coaching box toward the end line. **State associations may alter the length and placement of the 28-foot coaching box**”*. States could choose to use the shot clock at some level in some form within its state in order to gather data and information to make an informed decision about whether they feel it should be implemented completely. Currently coaches, officials and state leaders have only information they are given from those eight states that are using the shot clock.

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