

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Men's and Women's Basketball Head Coaches, Conference Commissioners and Directors of Athletics.

FROM: Art Hyland, secretary-rules editor NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee Jon M. Levinson, secretary-rules editor NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Issue Concerning Shot Clocks and Red/LED Lights.

It has come to the attention of both the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committees that there are several institutions whose shot clock and the red/LED lights on the backboard are synchronized, which is in violation of Rules 1-18.4, 1-19.4 and 2-10.14, as the red/LED lights on the backboard activate when the shot clock expires. By rule, the red/LED lights on the backboard shall only activate at the expiration of playing time in any period. Although this issue has come to our attention in the past week, the rule has been in place since the 2002-03 season. Red/LED lights that do not function properly could result in an issue arising at the end of a period if the red/LED lights come on even though there is time remaining on the game clock.

The committees recognize that it would create an extreme burden for institutions to immediately rectify this particular violation in a timely and cost-effective manner. It is for that reason that those institutions whose shot clock and red/LED lights are not in compliance with Rules 1-18.4, 1-19.4 and 2-10.14 will be granted a waiver for the remainder of the 2018-19 season. This waiver only addresses the issue of red/LED lights on the backboard which activate when the shot clock expires.

Any institution utilizing this waiver must inform the game officials and the opposing team before the start of competition.

Institutions will be expected to comply with all shot clock and red/LED light rules for the start of the 2019-20 season.

Please do not hesitate to contact us (Art Hyland – art.hyland@comcast.net; Jon Levinson – jonlevinson@icloud.com) if you have any further questions.