



Shot Clock Instructions

Set Clock to: 30 seconds - All Divisions (**no shot clock used in Prep**)

Start:

- When ball is touched inbounds
- The official will signal with a downward chopping motion to start the game clock

Stop:

- When a whistle is blown
- Time out or ball goes out of bounds. Do not reset.

Standard Reset (30 seconds):

- The official will signal with a whirling motion of the hand with a pointed index finger and arm extended upward
- When ball changes possession – reset to 30 seconds.
- When ball hits rim of basket (and defense obtains possession of the ball)
- After every made basket
- After all shooting fouls where the player shoots free throws.
- After a tap-off or after a throw-in from the center line at the start of a quarter other than the first quarter or overtime, if a player gains control of a live ball on the court, regardless whether in the backcourt or frontcourt, the shot clock shall be started with 30 seconds.

Front Court Reset (20 seconds):

- Offensive rebounds
 - Including if the offense gets a rebound from a missed free throw.
- Foul against the defense in the front court with the shot clock under 20 seconds.
- When there is a dead ball change of possession, where the team gaining possession is starting their possession in the front court. (i.e. offense turns the ball over before crossing halfcourt by throwing the ball out of bounds or an offensive foul before crossing halfcourt)
- Any situation in the front court with the shot clock above 20 seconds and the offense retaining possession, the shot clock will not be reset and remain as the time on the shot clock. (i.e. offensive rebounds, foul on the defense, technical foul on a defensive player, etc.)
- If a gym is not equipped to resetting the shot clock to 20 seconds during live play on an offensive rebound, the shot clock will reset to 30 seconds for all offensive rebounds.

When Not to Reset:

- Defensive team touches the ball but does not gain possession
- Time Out
- When a shot is taken but the ball does not hit the rim

**TURN SHOT CLOCK OFF WHEN THERE IS LESS THAN 30 SECONDS ON THE GAME
CLOCK**

Be sure to reference the current NWBA Rules: <https://www.nwba.org/officialsresources>