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**To:** State Association Basketball Administrators

**From:** Lindsey Atkinson

**Subject:** Basketball New 7-5-2 thru 4: Throw-in Interpretation

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Several questions regarding the new NFHS Basketball Rules Changes arose during the NFHS Summer Meeting. Committee members and I provided oral interpretations based on our understanding of how the new rules would apply during different scenarios. Now that we have had a chance to discuss further and finalize the language for the rules book, one specific interpretation we provided has evolved. Please review the situation below that will be noted in the 2023-24 NFHS Basketball Case Book as well as in the official interpretations provided by the NFHS in September.

**SITUATION:** Team A has possession of the ball in its frontcourt when the ball is deflected out of bounds by Team B. The ball exits the court along the end line close to the right sideline. Team A is granted an in-bound at the location where the ball exited the court. While Team A is trying to inbound the ball, Team A calls a time-out. After the time-out, the in-bound spot (a) returns to the same spot; (b) moves to the designated spot 3-feet outside of the lane along the end line. **RULING:** (a) Correct procedure; (b) Incorrect procedure. **COMMENT:** Since the ball was not on the court, the time-out did not create a "stoppage in play" that would move the in-bound spot to one of the four designated spots. Play will continue from the in-bound spot established by the deflection of the ball by Team B. (7-5-2, 7-5-3a)

Thank you for your understanding as new rule interpretations are developed due to the great questions and conversations we have at events like the NFHS Summer Meeting. On behalf of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee, we thank you for your feedback and support.

I have been getting requests about the new rule with regards to foul count and when we shoot 2 shots. The question is will this also be for Junior High? I assume it will be because of the National Federation but we could get an official ruling?

We hope all is well with you! We have been out of town at the NFHS Summer Meeting, that's why there was a delay in our response.

As you know, NFHS rules are for varsity competition only. They can make recommendations for sub-varsity activity however, schools have a great amount of say in what they will do.

As for this rule specifically, within our office, we feel like this is something that should be followed at all levels. We feel as though this would help our coaches, clock operators and our incredible officials, if we are consistent at all levels. So, this is something that will be implemented for junior high as well.

We also wanted to take the time to introduce our newest staff member, Grace McDowell. Grace and I will have the opportunity to serve our basketball coaches together as Co-Directors for basketball.

Please let us know if you have any further questions for us. You know we very much appreciate all it is that you do for us and look forward to another great season working with our officials!

Thanks,

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