

**New York State Girls Basketball Officials Association
2008 – 2009 New Rules**

Duties of Timer 2-10.9.

Sound a warning horn 15 seconds before the expiration of the 20- second time limit to replace a disqualified player. The signal also shall be sounded at the end of the 20 seconds to replace a disqualified player.

Rationale: Makes the warning signal for a disqualified player consistent with the use of other warning signals.

Commentary: The 20-second time limit to replace a disqualified player was the only situation in which a warning horn sounded 5 seconds prior to expiration. The warning horn for all other time limits, such as those for timeouts and intermission, sounded 15 seconds prior to expiration. The rules change will now require a warning horn to be sounded 15 seconds before the expiration of the 20-second time limit to replace a disqualified player. This makes the rule more consistent with other warning signals. The change also applies to the 20-second time limit used for injury (women) blood, lost/displaced or irritated contact lenses.

Uniforms 3-5.13 (new).

The use of an arm sleeve, knee sleeve, and lower leg sleeve is permissible for medical reasons.

Goaltending 4-34.3.

When the entire ball is above the level of the ring during a field-goal try and contacts the backboard, it is considered to be on its downward flight. In such a case, it is goaltending when that ball is touched by a player.

Rationale: Eliminates the judgment of whether or not a try contacting the backboard is on its downward flight.

Commentary: It is sometimes difficult to determine if a try is on its downward flight when it is above the ring and contacting the backboard. A ball on its downward flight during a field-goal try is one of the criteria for determining goaltending. The rules change eliminates making this determination. When a try contacts the backboard above the level of the ring, it is considered to be on its downward flight. It is important to note that this rule only applies to a try.