

Shot Clock Allowance Process (updated April 2025)

The MSHSAA Board of Directors has approved the continuance of the allowance for the 35-second shot clock to be used in boys and girls basketball in regular season varsity tournaments and varsity **shootout-style events** involving MSHSAA member schools with prior approval. The minimum requirements and approval process can be found below. Specific information about the use of the shot clock can be found in the **Shot Clock Guidelines for Use** document located on the MSHSAA website.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HOST VENUE

- Shot clocks must be **PERMANENTLY** mounted and installed.
- All games must be officiated by a 3-person crew.
- All participating schools & officials must be notified and provided the document “Shot Clock Guidelines for Use”.
- The shot clock must be operated by a dedicated individual at the score table. Shot clock operators may not have another responsibility during the game.
- Shootout style events must have a minimum of eight participating teams and four total games played on one day.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: Host should make the request a minimum of 14 days prior to the event. Host schools can request an application of approval by sending an email to Doug Fessler (doug@mshsaa.org). A fillable application form will then be sent to the MSHSAA host school event organizer. A separate form shall be filled out per gender.

Information needed will include:

- Name, date(s) and type of the event (tournament or shootout-style)
- Names of participating schools, by gender
- Confirmation of a qualifying shot clock and a description of its location
- Confirmation that all participating schools and officials will be notified that the 35-second shot clock will be used for the event and provided guidelines. This document can be accessed on the MSHSAA website.
- Confirm the use of a 3-person officiating crew on each game. ***NOTE - Officials will not be trained in shot clock procedures, but they will be given guidance on use & mechanics.**
- Confirm the use of a dedicated shot clock operator

Approval will be sent to the AD through email a minimum of one week prior to the event. Use of a shot clock in non-approved events/games will result in forfeiture by both participating schools and a penalty of a \$500 fine for the host school.