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MSHSAA BOARD PROVIDES ALLOWANCE FOR SHOT CLOCK USE FOR QUALIFIED REGULAR SEASON VARSITY TOURNAMENTS AND SHOOTOUTS

COLUMBIA – The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Board of Directors approved an allowance for a 35-second shot clock at its board meeting on June 13, 2024. **The shot clock can only be used in boys and girls basketball regular season varsity tournaments and shootout-style events involving MSHSAA member schools, with prior approval.**

"In past years, some schools and coaches have requested the use of a shot clock," MSHSAA Assistant Executive Director Doug Fessler said. "We are now providing that opportunity, contingent upon compliance with our defined approval process. This also enables tournaments and shootout-style events involving out-of-state schools, where shot clocks are standard, to utilize them during games."

The recommendation came from our MSHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee, which is made up of representatives from our member schools.

The minimum requirements and approval process are in the [Shot Clock Allowance Process](#) document located on the MSHSAA website. Specific information about the use of the shot clock is in the [Shot Clock Guidelines for Use](#) document located on the MSHSAA website.

Please note: This will **not** include the MSHSAA basketball postseason, including the 2025 Show-Me Showdown.

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