



Shot Clock Operator Quick Reference Guide

- The shot clock operator will be located at the scorer's table. The shot clock operator should be seated next to the timer.
- In Illinois, the shot clock period is 0:35 seconds.

Shot Clock starts when:

- The ball is legally touched by a player on the court
- There is team control established after a jump ball or an unsuccessful try for goal
- There is a change in team control

Shot Clock is stopped and reset to full amount (0:35 seconds) when:

- There is change in team control and the ball remains alive
- There is a score by the opponent
- There is a single personal foul
- A technical foul is assessed to the defensive team
- There is a held ball and the defensive team has the arrow
- A try for goal strikes the ring or flange and control is obtained by either team
- There is a violation by the offensive team
- There is an inadvertent whistle with no team control of the ball

Shot Clock continues without reset when:

- The ball is deflected out of bounds by the defense
- A called time out is concluded
- There is a held ball and the offensive team has the arrow
- There are either double fouls, technical or simultaneous fouls and there is no change in possession
- There is an inadvertent whistle with team control of the ball

Shot Clock is stopped and reset to 0:20 when:

- There is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball with less than 0:20 left in a shot clock period

Shot Clock Violation:

- If the ball doesn't leave the shooter's hand before the shot clock period expires OR if the try does leave the shooter's hand before the expiration of the shot clock but does not hit the rim before the shot clock period expires

Other Notes

- Play only stops after the shot clock horn sounds if an official's whistle is sounded
- If the shot clock shows zero, the shot clock period has expired
- The shot clock is turned off if the game clock shows less time than the shot clock period
- The shot clock continues on loose balls when the offensive team retains control of the ball or when a try does not hit the rim or the flange
- Game officials will make the final decision if there is doubt whether a score was made with the shot clock period or whether the shot hit the rim or flange
- The shot clock will continue to be used in tournament games or shoot-outs where the Mercy Rule is in effect.