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**2012 Rule Change Summary
Basketball**

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	<p>SECTION C — RULES OF COMPETITION – 1. Team Competition</p> <p>b. Competition Adaptations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">4) During frontcourt throw-in, ball can be thrown directly into backcourt.5) Five second closely guarded count only in the front court.6) Two (2) free throws awarded beginning with the seventh team foul in each half.7) If medical device is worn, it must be approved prior to competition. Includes any device worn that covers the face, lower arm (from the elbow to the wrist), knee, or lower leg. A document from a Doctor indicating the purpose and composition of the device will assist in addressing any risk management issues.
	<p>SECTION C – RULES OF COMPETITION – 1. Team Competition</p> <p>e. Uniform/Apparel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) All players must wear basketball attire with identifying numbers and flat rubber sole athletic shoes.2) Team uniform shirts and shorts must be identical in trim color and style.3) Undershirts, if worn, must match the color of the body of the uniform (not the trim) and must be identical in color. Undershirts may be worn by some or all of the players, and may be short sleeve or tank top (no cut or ragged edges are allowed).4) Head Coverings –. Head coverings for religious reasons must be documented with prior to tournament play and meet the same

	<p>safety standards as for a medical head covering. Head covering must be of a single, solid color unadorned. This includes, but not limited to, sequins, trimmings, or any other forms of decorations. The only exception is an athlete may wear a head band no wider than two inches and made of nonabrasive, unadorned single colored cloth, elastic, fiber, soft leather or rubber. Rubber/cloth (elastic) bands may be used to control hair. They do not need to match uniform color. Sweatbands are also allowed. In the event an athlete is required by a licensed medical physician to cover his or her head with a covering or wrap, the physician's statement must be on file before it can approve a covering or wrap, which is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to any other player and which is attached in such a way that is highly unlikely to come off during play.</p> <p>5) Individuals who do not adhere to uniform regulations will not be allowed to enter a game.</p>
<p>SECTION C — RULES OF COMPETITION – 6. Team Skills Basketball, d.Scoring</p> <p>4) A bonus of one point is awarded for each complete successful round of passing and catching the ball.</p>	<p>SECTION C — RULES OF COMPETITION – 6. Team Skills Basketball, d.Scoring</p> <p>4) A bonus of one point is awarded for each complete successful round of passing, catching and made field goal.</p>
<p>SECTION D — BASKETBALL SKILLS ASSESSMENT (BSAT) – 2. BSAT-Perimeter Shooting</p> <p>STAGING</p> <p>Volunteers administer the test and are not to interfere with any player who is performing the test. Volunteer A will instruct the group doing this particular test while Volunteer B demonstrates the actual test. Volunteer A will give a basketball to the player who will take the test, ask him/her if ready, will then say, "Ready, Go," and will count how many field goals the player makes in <u>two minutes</u>. Volunteer B, who is standing behind the extra ball, will retrieve and replace the basketball whenever it goes out of play. Volunteer C will time and record the athlete's score. Each volunteer is to administer the test and manage the area only.</p>	<p>SECTION D — BASKETBALL SKILLS ASSESSMENT (BSAT) – 2. BSAT-Perimeter Shooting</p> <p>STAGING</p> <p>Volunteers administer the test and are not to interfere with any player who is performing the test. Volunteer A will instruct the group doing this particular test while Volunteer B demonstrates the actual test. Volunteer A will give a basketball to the player who will take the test, ask him/her if ready, will then say, "Ready, Go," and will count how many field goals the player makes in <u>one minute</u>. Volunteer B, who is standing behind the extra ball, will retrieve and replace the basketball whenever it goes out of play. Volunteer C will time and record the athlete's score. Each volunteer is to administer the test and manage the area only.</p>

NOTE: For full detail of Proposed Rule Changes (Accepted and Denied) please contact your Regional Sport Director. This list does not indicate those proposed changes that were not adopted by the Sports Rules Advisory Committee in 2012.