

New 2019

1. Item VIII. A. 3) Rules of Play: Mercy Rule (boys and girls)

The Mercy Rule will be used in all regular season contests and regular season tournament games. A running clock shall be used **at the start of or anytime during the 4th quarter** when there is at least a 10-point differential in score. Once a game reaches this differential and the clock starts running, it will continue running and stop only for one of the following:

- A team timeout
- An injury timeout or the removal of a disqualified player
- 5-meter penalty
- An officials' timeout
- Clock adjustment
- After a goal

Note: The Mercy Rule will not be used during the Boys' or Girls' state series.

(Advisory Committee Rational: If a team has a 10-goal advantage **at the start of or anytime during the 4th quarter**, the clock will run continuously. This allows newer, developing teams to continue the game without stopping the clock.)