

Shot Clock Allowance Process

The MSHSAA Board of Directors, in June 2024, approved an 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.
- Upon approval, all participating schools and officials must be notified and provided the Shot Clock Guidelines for Use document. For the 2024-25 school year, all schools participating must agree to use the shot clock or it will not be approved.
- 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: A minimum of 30 days prior to the event, Host schools can request an application of approval for the use of the 35-second shot clock in qualifying events 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. Information needed will include:

- Name, date(s) and type of the event (tournament or shootout-style)
- Number of participating schools and contests, by gender
- Confirmation of a qualifying shot clock and a description of its location
- Documentation and confirmation of approval that all participating schools and officials will be notified that approval of 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 schools and a penalty of a \$500 fine for the host school.