



SV NJB 2008-09 Season

Mercy Rule Application

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DIVISION

SECTION 12 - MERCY RULE

If a team has a **20-point** lead **any time during the game**, the scorekeeper shall notify the referee to implement the mercy rule. The team with the lead cannot employ full-court or half-court pressure and must play defense with both feet inside the 3-point area at all times. The clock will run at all times, except for time-outs, until the difference is 10 points or less.

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REMOVAL OF TOP PLAYERS - If the mercy rule is in effect at the **start of, or any time during the 5th period**, it is **mandatory** for the **opposing coach** to select a maximum of three (3) players to sit out the balance of the game or until the difference in the score of the game is 15 points or less. Eligible substitutes must be available and the removal of players cannot force a team to play with less than five (5) players.

ALL-NET

MERCY RULE: If a team has a **20-point** lead at **any time during the game**, the mercy rule will go into effect. The scorekeeper should notify the game referees of the 20-point lead. The team will not be allowed to employ a full-court press and must be allowed to cross the attack line. It is recommended that top players be removed and the substitutes play. A zone defense is recommended, staying behind the attack line. The clock will become a running clock at all times until the point difference is 15 points or less, except for time-outs. The clock will become a regular clock if the point difference reaches 15 points or less.

HIGH SCHOOL

MERCY RULE: If a team has a **25-point** lead **anytime during the game**, the scorekeeper shall notify the referee to implement the mercy rule. It is strongly recommended that top players be removed and the substitutes play. The team with the lead cannot employ full-court or half-court pressure and must play defense inside the designated attack line at all times. The clock will run at all times, except for time-outs, until the difference is 15 points or less.