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Timing Equipment Compliance Statement

Officials must test the timing equipment before the start of the game to ensure that:

- the mandatory backboard LED lights or the red light behind the backboard are only activating when the game clock expires (Rule 2-10.14).
- when shot clock LED lights (not mandatory) are being used that they are only activating when the shot clock expires (Rule 1-19.4).
- the game-clock and shot-clock horns must be distinctly different sounds (Rule 1-19.2).
- tenths of a second (when used) only display when there is less than 5 seconds remaining in the shot-clock period and clearly denote tenths of a second by means such as a decimal point, the use of a distinct color to depict tenths, or by depicting tenths of a second using a small number than the whole seconds (NCAAM: 1-19.2, NCAAW: A.R. 5).

Early discovery of equipment issues that do not comply with the rule could allow institutions and their game management time to make adjustments and corrections prior to game time. You are strongly advised to perform these checks upon immediate arrival at the game site or when personnel is available to demonstrate that their equipment is in proper working order. Please do not wait until first taking the court at 20 minutes (NCAAM) or 15 minutes (NCAAW) or when the pre-game clock runs to zero to validate that the equipment complies with the rules.

Please be aware that each conference has a specified pregame timing protocol and officials should work within those parameters. Officials are not to delay the start of a game to repair equipment if it is not working. This recommended courtesy check is to allow time for repairs/adjustments prior to tip time. When the equipment does not comply with the rules at the scheduled start of the game, an administrative technical foul shall be assessed per Rule 10-12.2.a.2.

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