

35 Second Shot Clock (OFSAA)

The Rule:

Whenever:

- A player gains control of a live ball on the playing court,
- On a throw-in, the ball touches or is legally touched by any player on the playing court and the team of that player taking the throw-in remains in control of the ball, that team must attempt a shot for a field goal within 35 seconds.

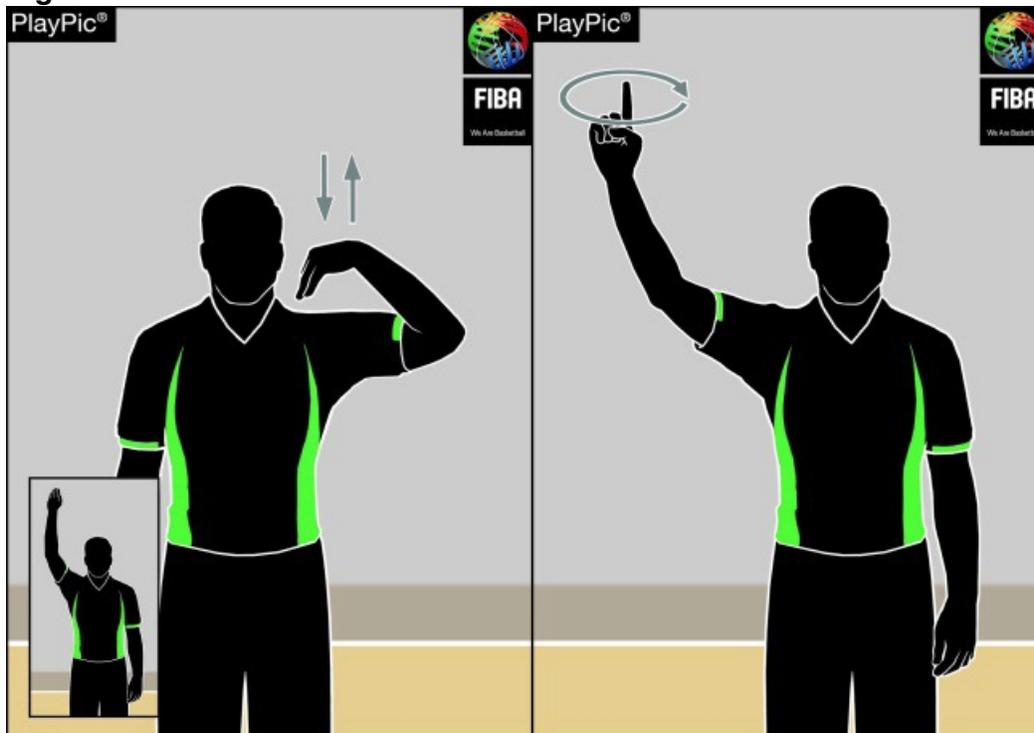
To constitute a shot for a field goal within 35 seconds:

- The ball must leave the player's hand(s) before the shot clock signal sounds, **and**
- After the ball has left the player's hand(s), the ball must touch the ring or enter the basket.

When a shot for a field goal is attempted near the end of the 35-second period and the shot clock signal sounds while the ball is in the air:

- If the ball enters the basket, no violation
- If the ball touches the ring but does not enter the basket, no violation. The signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.
- If the ball misses the ring, a violation has occurred. However, if the opponents (team on defence) have gained immediate and clear control of the ball, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.

Signals:



Shot Clock Violation

Reset Shot Clock

Shot Clock Operator:

Reset to 35 seconds:

1. When the ball touches the ring of the opponents basket (unless the ball lodges between the ring and the backboard).
2. When the ball enters the basket.
3. When a team is awarded a throw in as the result of a foul or violation.
4. When the team on defence **gains control** of the ball during play.
 - intercepts a pass?
 - steals a dribble?
5. When a team is awarded free throws.
6. On instructions from an official.

No Reset:

1. When the ball goes out of bounds and the team that had control will be awarded the ball for the throw-in.
2. On a held ball when the team that had control will be awarded the ball for a throw-in as a result of the possession arrow.

Starting:

1. On a throw-in: When the ball **touches** or is **touched** by **any** player on the floor
2. On a rebound: When a player on the floor **gains control**

Turn the shot clock off:

1. When there are less than 35 seconds remaining in any quarter.

Advice:

1. If in doubt, don't reset
2. Don't reset after a whistle until officials have finished any communication on floor and/or to table.
3. Get in the habit of taking a mental note of the time showing on the shot clock (and game clock if/as possible) before you reset it (in case a correction is needed)
4. Pay attention to whether in your judgment, a shot was released before the signal sounds or not (there may be a case where the officials may consult with you such as loud gym and inaudible signal).