

Dear CAAD Boys and Girls Basketball Consultants,

The shot clock proposal was thoroughly vetted by the CAAD membership with the following results - 84 schools voted to accept the proposal, 89 voted to deny the proposal, 6 abstained.

The board members asked me to relay the following concerns that were expressed.

1. Schools are already experiencing a shortage of workers
2. Easier to manage if only at the varsity level.
3. JV/Frosh games don't count, why do we need to have a shot clock for them?
4. Officials have expressed concern that this would be another thing they would have to manage.
5. Some schools would need equipment and personnel in two gyms to accommodate the game schedule.
6. Is there an appropriate age for the worker(s)-ie freshmen games a student manager is okay, varsity must be an adult.
7. Would eventually require a third official on the floor to properly implement.
8. Limiting stalling as a tactic was listed by CIAC as a "pro" of a shot clock but it is believed to actually be a "con" of a shot clock. Stalling is a legitimate strategy, is hard to do successfully, and should not be removed from the game, which a shot clock would do.
9. It is an unnecessary expense and management issue, and we fail to see how it improves the game.
10. The vast majority of possessions in CT HS games are much less than 35 seconds rendering the shot clock unnecessary. Any college bound player (which is just a tiny percentage of our players) already plays AAU where there is a clock. In addition, it takes very little time for any player to adjust to a shot clock, it is unnecessary for high school players to have one to be ready for college.