



A stand up folder (like the above) will be displayed on the score bench when the mercy rule is activated. The score bench official will notify the referee. Once the mercy rule has been activated it remains in play until the last 5 minutes of the game where the Mercy Rule is relaxed and play continues without the Mercy Rule. This is not optional. It is policy.

If any discussion is required for a variation, the team manager or coach needs to get Rosemary and as Competition Administrator and Venue Supervisor (on Saturday) she will make a ruling on how the game is to proceed after the discussion and after a goal is scored.

Any discussion should not interfere with the flow of the game.

THE MERCY RULE IS ABOUT APPLYING STRATEGY

Primary School Teams Year 3&4 Divisions

2014 Divisions Brooklyn Nets, Atlanta Hawks, Miami Heat

A team will implement the modification rule when they are **10 points** ahead of their opposition.

Players are restricted to scoring 6 points in the game until all players get 6 points, then players can continue to score a second round of 6 points etc.

If a player scores but already has 6 points the referee will signal a "no goal."

The score bench will signal to the referee if a player has already scored 6 points. *Note: - excluding foul shots when in the bonus.*

Clarification: The points scored per player is from the beginning of the game, not from when the team is 10 points ahead.

Stopping of Mercy Rule:

In the last 5 minutes of the game the modification "Mercy Rule" is relaxed and no longer applies.

Primary School Teams Year 5&6 Divisions

2014 Divisions Utah Jazz, Phoenix Suns, Chicago Bulls, Boston Celtics, Denver Nuggets

A team will implement the modification rule when they are **10 points** ahead of their opposition.

Players are restricted to scoring 8 points in the game until all players get 8 points, then players can continue to score a second round of 8 points etc.

If a player scores but already has 8 points the referee will signal a "no goal."

The score bench will signal to the referee if a player has already scored 8 points. *Note: - excluding foul shots when in the bonus.*

Clarification: The points scored per player is from the beginning of the game, not from when the team is 10 points ahead.

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Teams in Secondary School Divisions

2014 Divisions Memphis Grizzlies, Orlando Magic, Oklahoma Thunder, New York Knicks, Sacramento Kings, Detroit Pistons, Toronto Raptors

A team will implement the modification rule when they are **20 points** ahead of their opposition.

Players are restricted to scoring 10 points in the game until all players get 10 points, then players can continue to score a second round of 10 points etc.

If a player scores but already has 10 points the referee will signal a "no goal."

The score bench will signal to the referee if a player has already scored 10 points. *Note: - excluding foul shots when in the bonus.*

Clarification: The points scored per player is from the beginning of the game, not from when the team is 10 points ahead.

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GAME MODIFICATION "Mercy Rule" POLICY

22 June 2013 and validated by Committee of Management for 2014 Season