



Women's Basketball National Championship Tournament Team and Media Timeout Format

The following team and media timeout format will be used for all games played in the First & Second Round, Round of 16, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Championship.

Additionally, approved in June 2025, by the National Administrative Committee (NAC), this timeout policy is to be used for all regular season and conference tournament games against NAIA competition.

Team Timeouts

Per game, each team will be allowed:

- One timeout 60-seconds in length
- Three timeouts 30-seconds in length
- If there is overtime, any remaining timeouts not used in regulation or any prior extra period(s) plus one 30-second timeout carry over to each extra period.

Media Timeouts

The length of all media timeouts is a minimum 60-seconds and maybe longer depending on the network contracts.

Each quarter, a media timeout will occur when:

- There is a stopped clock for any reason at or below the 5-minute mark; **or**
- There is a team timeout granted **or** there is a replay review with more than 5-minutes on the clock

Floating Media Timeout

In the 2nd half only, regardless of the time on the clock, if there is a team timeout granted **or** there is a replay review, a floating media timeout will occur that is **in addition to** the media timeout for that quarter. While rare, if no team timeout is granted in the 2nd half, there is no floating media timeout.

Example 1

In the 3rd quarter, the first granted team timeout occurs at 7:59, this will be the floating media timeout for the 2nd half. Following the ball being put in play, there is another granted team timeout that occurs at 5:32 (either team), this will be the media timeout for the 3rd quarter.

In the 4th quarter, there are no granted team timeouts with more than 5-minutes on the clock and the first time the clock is stopped for any reason occurs at 4:18, this will be the media timeout for the 4th quarter.

Example 2

In the 3rd quarter, there are no granted team timeouts or replay reviews. The first time the clock is stopped under 5-minutes is for a replay review that occurs at 4:20, this will be the media timeout for the 3rd quarter.

In the 4th quarter, the first time the clock is stopped under 5-minutes is for a ball out-of-bounds that occurs at 4:17, this will be the media timeout for the 4th quarter. The first granted team timeout of the 2nd half occurs at 1:09, this will be the floating media timeout for the 2nd half.