



Men'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.

Team Timeouts

Per game, each team will be allowed:

- One timeout 60-seconds in length
- Three timeouts 30-seconds in length
- If no timeouts are taken in the 1st half, a maximum of three timeouts carryover to the 2nd half and in this instance a 30-second timeout will not carry over to the 2nd half
- If a team does use a 60-second timeout in the 1st half and doesn't use a 30-second timeout in the 1st half, they will lose one 30-second timeout, as only two 30-second timeouts can carry over into the 2nd half.
- If there is overtime, any remaining timeouts not used in regulation or any prior extra period(s) plus one 60-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 half, a media timeout will occur when:

- There is a stopped clock for any reason at or below the 15-, 10-, and 5-minute marks; **or**
- There is a team timeout granted **or** there is a replay review within 30-seconds of the media mark above

If there is overtime, a media break will take place at the end of regulation play before the first extra period and between each extra period. There will be no media timeouts during any overtime period(s).

Floating Media Timeout

In the 2nd half only, regardless of the time on the clock, if there is a team timeout granted, a floating media timeout will occur that is **in addition to** the other three media timeouts based on the 15-, 10-, and 5-minute marks. While rare, if no team timeout is granted in the 2nd half, there is no floating media timeout.

Example 1

The first granted team timeout of the 2nd half occurs at 14:59, this will be the floating media timeout for the 2nd half. Following the ball being put in play, there is a stoppage in play for any reason at 14:32, this will be the under 15-minute media timeout.

Example 2

There is a replay review in the 2nd half that occurs at 5:20, this will be the under 5-minute media timeout. Following the ball being put in play, the first granted team timeout of the 2nd half occurs at 4:37, this will be the floating media timeout for the 2nd half.