



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Men's and Women's Basketball Head Coaches, Conference Commissioners and Directors of Athletics.

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Chair, NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee

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Chair, NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: 2018-19 Men's and Women's Basketball Preseason Reminder.

As the 2018-19 men's and women's basketball preseasons continue, we have received inquiries about the Nike Hyper Elite basketball and reports that some institutions are still using the ball.

Please note that the Nike Hyper Elite basketball does not conform to the specifications required by Rule 1-16.3 (relative to the surface of the ball) and that officials have been advised to not allow the ball to be used in competition.

As a reminder, at their May 2018 annual meetings, the NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committees reaffirmed that:

- The waiver that was granted in October 2017 allowing the Nike Hyper Elite basketball to be used during the 2017-18 season was for the 2017-18 season only, and
- The Nike Hyper Elite basketball is not permitted for use under NCAA men's and women's basketball playing rules effective with the 2018-19 season.

We will post this reminder on the ArbiterSports website. Also, do not hesitate to contact the men's and women's secretary-rules editors Art Hyland (art.hyland@comcast.net) or Jon Levinson (jonlevinson@icloud.com) respectively, should you have any questions or need any additional information.

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