

Running clock spares losing teams further embarrassment

I know some [high school](#) basketball coaches don't like the AIA's new rule that there will be a running clock once a team is up by 30 points in the fourth quarter, but I think it's a good idea.

At the MLK Basketball Classic Monday, for example, the Tolleson girls team took a 68-38 lead over Pinnacle early in the fourth quarter.

At that point, the clock stopped only for technical fouls, timeouts and injuries until the final minute when regular time was reinstated.

Pinnacle had no chance to win the game, so the running clock helped keep the score from being even more lopsided.

Some coaches say the clock limits the playing time of their substitutes. Please. If you're up by 30 your subs already should have gotten plenty of minutes.