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Throughout the Official Basketball Rules, all references made to a player, coach, official, etc. in the male gender also apply to the female gender. It must be understood that this is done for practical reasons only.

## **RULE ONE – THE GAME**

### **Art. 1 Definitions**

#### **1.1 Basketball game**

Basketball is played by 2 teams of 5 players each. The aim of each team is to score in the opponents' basket and to prevent the other team from scoring.

The game is controlled by the officials, table officials and a commissioner, if present.

#### **1.2 Basket: opponents'/own**

The basket that is attacked by a team is the opponents' basket and the basket which is defended by a team is its own basket.

#### **1.3 Winner of a game**

The team that has scored the greater number of **game** points at the end of playing time shall be the winner.

## RULE TWO – PLAYING COURT AND EQUIPMENT

### Art. 2 Playing court

#### 2.1 Playing court

The playing court shall have a flat, hard surface free from obstructions (Diagram 1) with dimensions of 28 m in length by 15 m in width measured from the inner edge of the boundary line.

#### 2.2 Backcourt

A team's backcourt consists of its team's own basket, the inbounds part of the backboard and that part of the playing court limited by the endline behind its own basket, the sidelines and the centre line.

#### 2.3 Frontcourt

A team's frontcourt consists of the opponents' basket, the inbounds part of the backboard and that part of the playing court limited by the endline behind the opponents' basket, the sidelines and the inner edge of the centre line nearest to the opponents' basket.

#### 2.4 Lines

All lines shall be of the same colour and drawn in white or other contrasting colour, 5 cm in width and clearly visible.

##### 2.4.1 Boundary line

The playing court shall be limited by the boundary line, consisting of the endlines and the sidelines. These lines are not part of the playing court.

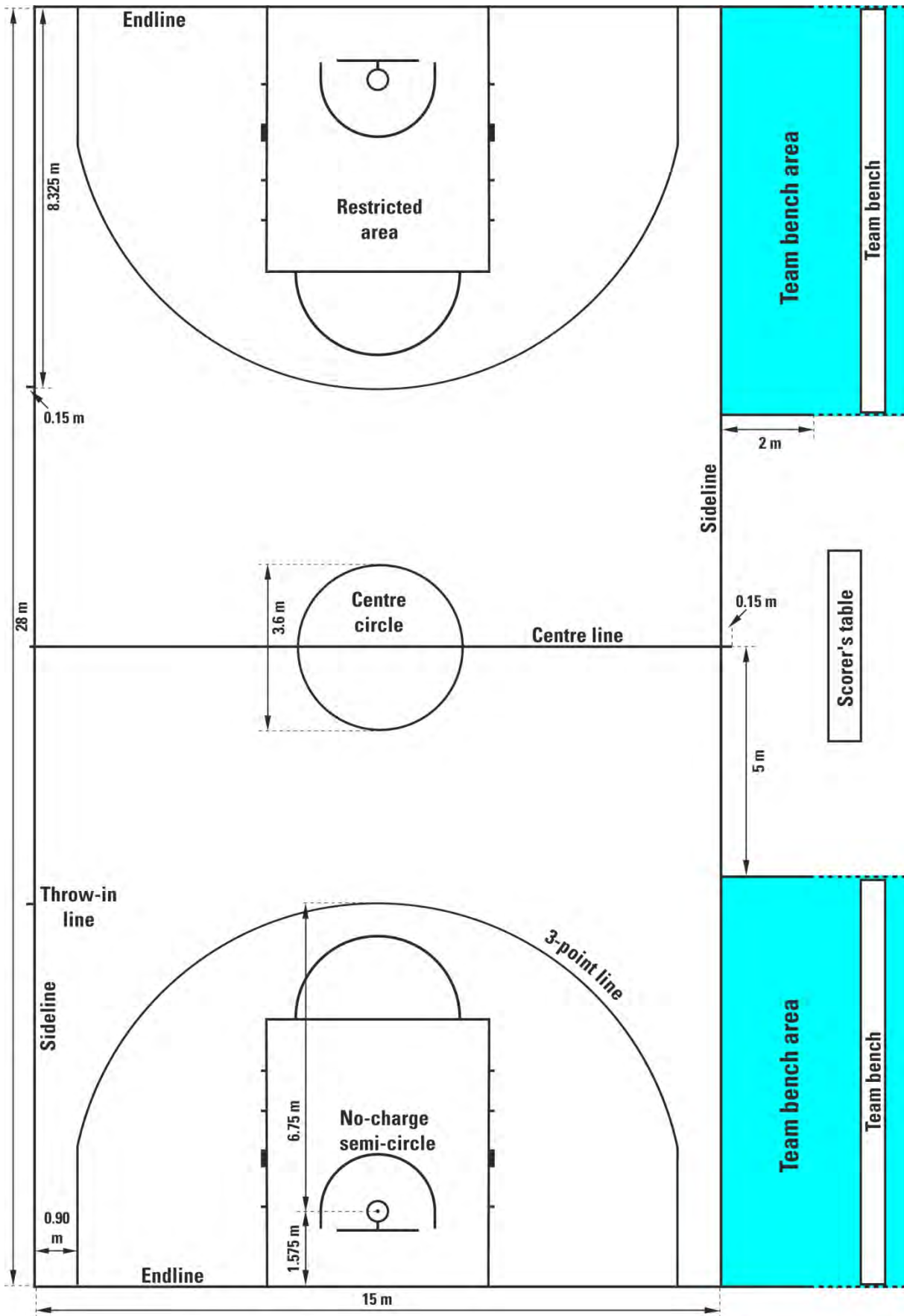
Any obstruction including seated coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members shall be at least 2 m from the playing court.

##### 2.4.2 Centre line, centre circle and free-throw semi-circles

The centre line shall be marked parallel to the endlines from the mid-point of the sidelines. It shall extend 0.15 m beyond each sideline. The centre line is part of the backcourt.

The centre circle shall be marked in the centre of the playing court and have a radius of 1.80 m measured to the outer edge of the circumference.

The free-throw semi-circles shall be marked on the playing court with a radius of 1.80 m measured to the outer edge of the circumference and with their centres at the mid-point of the free-throw lines (Diagram 2).



**Diagram 1 Full size playing court**

### 2.4.3 Free-throw lines, restricted areas and free-throw rebound places

The free-throw line shall be drawn parallel to each endline. It shall have its furthest edge 5.80 m from the inner edge of the endline and shall be 3.60 m long. Its mid-point shall lie on the imaginary line joining the mid-point of the 2 endlines.

The restricted areas shall be the rectangular areas marked on the playing court limited by the endlines, the extended free-throw lines and the lines which originate at the endlines, their outer edges being 2.45 m from the mid-point of the endlines and terminating at the outer edge of the extended free-throw lines. These lines, excluding the endlines, are part of the restricted area.

Free-throw rebound places along the restricted areas, reserved for players during free throws, shall be marked as in Diagram 2.

### 2.4.4 3-point field goal area

The team's 3-point field goal area (Diagram 1 and Diagram 3) shall be the entire floor area of the playing court, except for the area near the opponents' basket, limited by and including:

- The 2 parallel lines extending from and perpendicular to the endline, with the outer edge 0.90 m from the inner edge of the sidelines.
- An arc of radius 6.75 m measured from the point on the floor beneath the exact centre of the opponents' basket to the outer edge of the arc. The distance of the point on the floor from the inner edge of the mid-point of the endline is 1.575 m. The arc is joined to the parallel lines.

The 3-point line is not part of the 3-point field goal area.

### 2.4.5 Team bench areas

The team bench areas shall be marked outside the playing court limited by 2 lines as in Diagram 1.

There must be 16 seats available in each team bench area for the coach, the assistant coaches, the substitutes, the excluded players and the accompanying delegation members. Any other persons shall be at least 2 m behind the team bench.

### 2.4.6 Throw-in lines

The 2 lines of 0.15 m in length shall be marked outside the playing court at the sideline opposite the scorer's table, with the outer edge of the lines 8.325 m from the inner edge of the nearest endline.

### 2.4.7 No-charge semi-circle areas

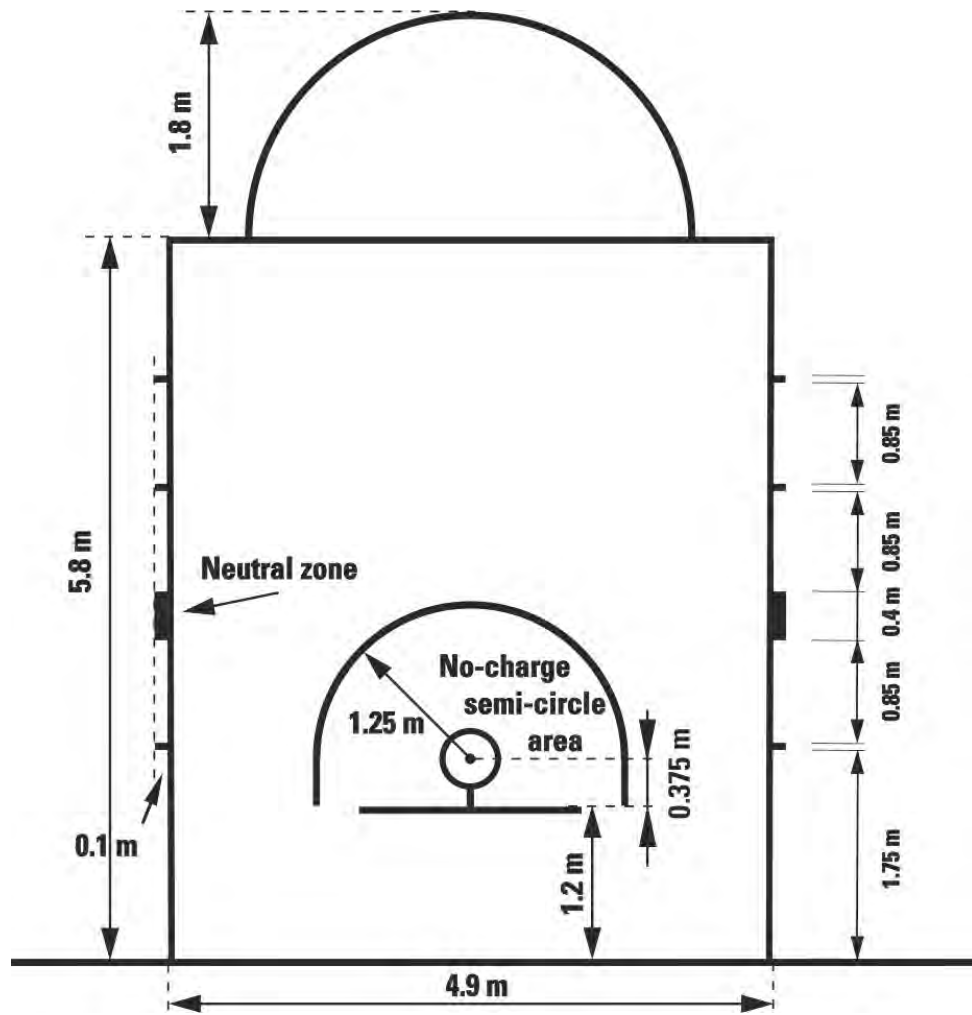
The no-charge semi-circle areas shall be marked on the playing court, limited by:

- A semi-circle with the radius of 1.25 m measured from the point on the floor beneath the exact centre of the basket to the inner edge of the semi-circle. The semi-circle is joined to:
- The 2 parallel lines perpendicular to the endline, the inner edge 1.25 m from the point on the floor beneath the exact centre of the basket, 0.375 m in length and ending 1.20 m from the inner edge of the endline.

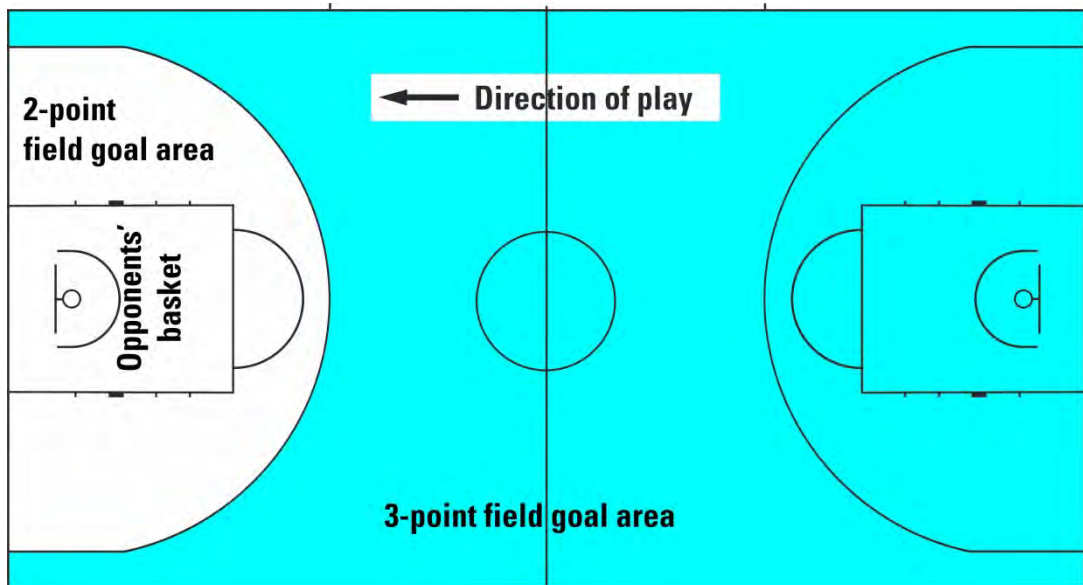


The no-charge semi-circle areas are completed by imaginary lines joining the ends of the parallel lines directly below the front edges of the backboards.

The no-charge semi-circle lines are part of the no-charge semi-circle areas.



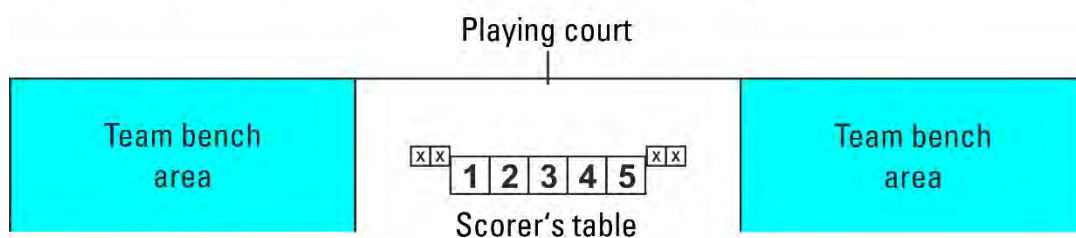
**Diagram 2** Restricted area



**Diagram 3** 2-point/3-point field goal area

## 2.5 Position of the scorer's table and substitution chairs (Diagram 4)

- |                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 = Shot clock operator | 3 = Commissioner, if present |
| 2 = Timer               | 4 = Scorer                   |
| x = Substitution chairs | 5 = Assistant scorer         |



The scorer's table and its chairs must be placed on a platform. The announcer and/or statisticians (if present) can be seated at the side of and/or behind the scorer's table.

**Diagram 4 Scorer's table and substitution chairs**

### **Art. 3 Equipment**

The following equipment shall be required:

- Backstop units, consisting of:
  - Backboards
  - Baskets comprising (pressure release) rings and nets
  - Backboard support structures including padding.
- Basketballs
- Game clock
- Scoreboard
- Shot clock
- Stopwatch or suitable (visible) device (not the game clock) for timing time-outs
- 2 separate, distinctly different and loud signals, one of each for the
  - shot clock operator,
  - scorer/timer.
- Scoresheet
- Player foul markers
- Team foul markers
- Alternating possession arrow
- Playing floor
- Playing court
- Adequate lighting.

For a more detailed description of basketball equipment, see the Appendix on Basketball Equipment.

## RULE THREE – TEAMS

### Art. 4 Teams

#### 4.1 Definition

- 4.1.1 A team member is eligible to play when he has been authorised to play for a team according to the regulations, including regulations governing age limits, of the organising body of the competition.
- 4.1.2 A team member is entitled to play when his name has been entered on the scoresheet before the beginning of the game and as long as he has neither been disqualified nor committed 5 fouls.
- 4.1.3 During playing time, a team member is:
- A player when he is on the playing court and is entitled to play.
  - A substitute when he is not on the playing court but he is entitled to play.
  - An excluded player when he has committed 5 fouls and is no longer entitled to play.
- 4.1.4 During an interval of play, all team members entitled to play are considered as players.

#### 4.2 Rule

- 4.2.1 Each team shall consist of:
- No more than 12 team members entitled to play, including a captain.
  - A coach and, if a team wishes, an assistant coach.
  - A maximum of 7 accompanying delegation members who may sit on the team bench and have special responsibilities, e.g. manager, doctor, physiotherapist, statistician, interpreter, etc.
- 4.2.2 During playing time 5 **team members** from each team shall be on the playing court and may be substituted.
- 4.2.3 A substitute becomes a player and a player becomes a substitute when:
- The official beckons the substitute to enter the playing court.
  - During a time-out or an interval of play, a substitute requests the substitution to the scorer.

#### 4.3 Uniforms

- 4.3.1 The uniform of **all team members** shall consist of:
- Shirts of the same dominant colour front and back as the shorts. If shirts have sleeves they must end above the elbow. Long sleeved shirts are not permitted. All players must tuck their shirts into their playing shorts. 'All-in-ones' are permitted.
  - **T-shirts, regardless of the style, are not permitted to be worn under the shirts.**
  - Shorts of the same dominant colour front and back as the **shirts**. The shorts must end above the knee.
  - Socks of the same dominant colour for all **team members**. Socks need to be visible.

4.3.2 Each team member shall wear a shirt numbered on the front and back with plain numbers, of a colour contrasting with the colour of the shirt.

The numbers shall be clearly visible and:

- Those on the back shall be at least 20 cm high.
- Those on the front shall be at least 10 cm high.
- The numbers shall be at least 2 cm wide.
- Teams **may only** use numbers 0 and 00 and from 1 to 99.
- Players on the same team shall not wear the same number.
- Any advertising or logo shall be at least 5 cm away from the numbers.

4.3.3 Teams must have a minimum of 2 sets of shirts and:

- The first team named in the schedule (home team) shall wear light-coloured shirts (preferably white).
- The second team named in the schedule (visiting team) shall wear dark-coloured shirts.
- However, if the 2 teams agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirts.

#### 4.4 Other equipment

4.4.1 All equipment used by players must be appropriate for the game. Any equipment that is designed to increase a player's height or reach or in any other way give an unfair advantage is not permitted.

4.4.2 Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.

- The following are not permitted:
  - Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, **helmets**, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
  - Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).
  - Hair accessories and jewellery.
- The following are permitted:
  - Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded.
  - Arm **and leg** compression sleeves.
  - **Headgear**. It shall not cover any part of the face entirely or partially (eyes, nose, lips etc.) and shall not be dangerous to the player wearing it and/or to other players. The headgear shall not have opening/closing elements around the face and/or neck and shall not have any parts extruding from its surface.
  - Knee braces if they are properly covered.
  - Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material.
  - Non-coloured transparent mouth guard.
  - Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.
  - **Wristbands and headbands**, maximum of 10 cm wide textile material.
  - Taping of arms, shoulders, legs **etc.**
  - Ankle braces.

**All players on the team must have all their arm and leg compression sleeves, headgear, wristbands and headbands and tapings of the same solid colour.**

4.4.3 During the game a player may wear shoes of any colour combination, but **the** left and right **shoe** must match. No flashing lights, reflective material or other adornments are permitted.

- 4.4.4 During the game a player may not display any commercial, promotional or charitable name, mark, logo or other identification including, but not limited to, on his body, in his hair or otherwise.
- 4.4.5 Any other equipment not specifically mentioned in this article must be approved by the FIBA Technical Commission.

## **Art. 5 Players: Injury**

- 5.1 In the event of injury to a player(s), the officials may stop the game.
- 5.2 If the ball is live when an injury occurs, the official shall not blow his whistle until the team in control of the ball has shot for a field goal, lost control of the ball, withheld the ball from play or the ball has become dead. If it is necessary to protect an injured player, the officials may stop the game immediately.
- 5.3 If the injured player cannot continue to play immediately (within approximately 15 seconds) or, if he receives treatment, he must be substituted unless the team is reduced to fewer than 5 players on the playing court.
- 5.4 **Coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members** may enter the playing court, only with the permission of an official, to attend to an injured player before he is substituted.
- 5.5 A doctor may enter the playing court, without the permission of an official if, in the doctor's judgement, the injured player requires immediate medical treatment.
- 5.6 During the game, any player who is bleeding or has an open wound must be substituted. He may return to the playing court only after the bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely and securely covered.
- 5.7 If the injured player or any player who is bleeding or has an open wound recovers during a time-out taken by either team, before the scorer's signal for the substitution, that player may continue to play.
- 5.8 Players who have been designated by the coach to begin the game or who receive treatment between free throws may be substituted in the event of an injury. In this case, the opponents are also entitled to substitute the same number of players, if they so wish.

## **Art. 6 Captain: Duties and powers**

- 6.1 The captain (CAP) is a player designated by his coach to represent his team on the playing court. He may communicate in a courteous manner with the officials during the game to obtain information **only** when the ball **is** dead and the game clock is stopped.
- 6.2 The captain shall inform the crew chief no later than 15 minutes following the end of the game, if his team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the scoresheet in the 'Captain's signature in case of protest' column.

## **Art. 7 Coaches: Duties and powers**

- 7.1 At least 40 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin, each coach or his representative shall give the scorer a list with the names and corresponding numbers of the team members who are eligible to play in the game, as well as the name of the captain of the team, the coach and the assistant coach. All team members whose names are entered on the scoresheet are entitled to play, even if they arrive after the beginning of the game.
- 7.2 At least 10 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin, each coach shall confirm his agreement with the names and corresponding numbers of his team members and

the names of the coaches by signing the scoresheet. At the same time, he shall indicate the 5 players to begin the game. The coach of team 'A' shall be the first to provide this information.

- 7.3 The coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members are the only persons permitted to sit on the team bench and remain within their team bench area. During playing time all substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members shall remain seated.
- 7.4 The coach or the assistant coach may go to the scorer's table during the game to obtain statistical information only when the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped.
- 7.5 The coach may communicate in a courteous manner with the officials during the game to obtain information only when the ball is dead and the game clock is stopped.
- 7.6 Either the coach or the assistant coach, but only one of them at any given time, is permitted to remain standing during the game. They may address the players verbally during the game provided they remain within their team bench area. The assistant coach shall not communicate with the officials.
- 7.7 If there is an assistant coach, his name must be entered on the scoresheet before the beginning of the game (his signature is not necessary). He shall assume all duties and powers of the coach if, for any reason, the coach is unable to continue.
- 7.8 If the captain leaves the playing court, the coach shall inform an official of the number of the player who shall act as captain on the playing court.
- 7.9 The captain shall act as player coach if there is no coach, or if the coach is unable to continue and there is no assistant coach entered on the scoresheet (or the latter is unable to continue). If the captain must leave the playing court, he may continue to act as coach. If he must leave following a disqualifying foul, or if he is unable to act as coach because of injury, his substitute as captain may replace him as coach.
- 7.10 The coach shall designate the free-throw shooter of his team in all cases where the free-throw shooter is not determined by the rules.



## **RULE FOUR – PLAYING REGULATIONS**

### **Art. 8 Playing time, tied score and overtime**

- 8.1 The game shall consist of 4 quarters of 10 minutes each.
- 8.2 There shall be an interval of play of 20 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin.
- 8.3 There shall be the intervals of play of 2 minutes between the first and second quarter (first half), between the third and fourth quarter (second half) and before each overtime.
- 8.4 There shall be a half-time interval of play of 15 minutes.
- 8.5 An interval of play begins:
- 20 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin.
  - When the game clock signal sounds for the end of the quarter or overtimes.
- 8.6 An interval of play ends:
- At the beginning of the first quarter when the ball leaves the hand(s) of the crew chief on the toss for the jump ball.
  - At the beginning of all other quarters and overtimes when the ball is at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.
- 8.7 If the score is tied at the end of the fourth quarter, the game shall continue with as many overtimes of 5 minutes duration each as necessary to break the tie.
- If the aggregated score of both games for a 2-games home and away total points series competition system is tied at the end of the second game, this game shall continue with as many overtimes of 5 minutes duration each as necessary to break the tie.
- 8.8 If a foul is committed when or just before the game clock signal sounds for the end of the quarter or overtime, any eventual free throw(s) shall be administered after the end of the quarter or overtime.
- If an overtime(s) is required as a result of this free throw(s) then all fouls that are committed after the end of the quarter or overtime shall be considered to have occurred during an interval of play and the free throws shall be administered before the beginning of the following overtime.

### **Art. 9 Beginning and end of a quarter, overtime or the game**

- 9.1 The first quarter begins when the ball leaves the hand(s) of the crew chief on the toss for the jump ball.
- 9.2 All other quarters or overtimes begin when the ball is at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.
- 9.3 The game cannot begin if one of the teams is not on the playing court with 5 players ready to play.
- 9.4 For all games, the first team named in the schedule (home team) shall have the team bench and its own basket on the left side of the scorer's table, facing the playing court.
- However, if the 2 teams agree, they may interchange the team benches and/or baskets.

- 9.5 Before the first and third **quarter**, teams are entitled to warm-up in the half of the playing court in which their opponents' basket is **located**.
- 9.6 Teams shall exchange baskets for the second half.
- 9.7 In all **overtimes** the teams shall continue to play towards the same baskets as in the fourth **quarter**.
- 9.8 A **quarter, overtime** or game shall end when the game clock signal sounds for the end of the **quarter or overtime**. When the backboard is equipped with **red** lighting around its perimeter, the lighting takes precedence over the game clock signal sound.

## Art. 10 Status of the ball

- 10.1 The ball can be either live or dead.
- 10.2 The ball becomes **live** when:
- During the jump ball, the ball leaves the hand(s) of the crew chief on the toss.
  - During a free throw, the ball is at the disposal of the free-throw shooter.
  - During a throw-in, the ball is at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.
- 10.3 The ball becomes **dead** when:
- Any field goal or free throw is made.
  - An official blows his whistle while the ball is live.
  - It is apparent that the ball will not enter the basket on a free throw which is to be followed by:
    - Another free throw(s).
    - A further penalty (free throw(s) and/or possession).
  - The game clock signal sounds for the end of the **quarter or overtime**.
  - The shot clock signal sounds while a team is in control of the ball.
  - The ball in flight on a shot for a field goal is touched by a player from either team after:
    - An official blows his whistle.
    - The game clock signal sounds for the end of the **quarter or overtime**.
    - The shot clock signal sounds.
- 10.4 The ball does not become dead and the goal counts if made when:
- The ball is in flight on a shot for a field goal and:
    - An official blows his whistle.
    - The game clock signal sounds for the end of the **quarter or overtime**.
    - The shot clock signal sounds.
  - The ball is in flight on a free throw and an official blows his whistle for any rule infraction other than by the free-throw shooter.
  - **The ball is in the control of a player in the act of shooting for a field goal who finishes his shot with a continuous motion which started before a foul is charged on any opponents' player or on any person permitted to sit on the opponent's team bench.**
- This provision does not apply, and the goal shall not count if:
- **After** an official blows his whistle and an entirely new act of shooting is made.
  - **During** the continuous motion of a player in the act of shooting the game clock signal sounds for the end of the **quarter or overtime** or the shot clock signal sounds.

## **Art. 11 Location of a player and an official**

- 11.1 The location of a player is determined by where he is touching the floor.  
While he is airborne, he retains the same status he had when he last touched the floor. This includes the boundary line, the centre line, the 3-point line, the free-throw line, the lines delimiting the restricted area and the lines delimiting the no-charge semi-circle area.
- 11.2 The location of an official is determined in the same manner as that of a player. When the ball touches an official, it is the same as touching the floor at the official's location.

## **Art. 12 Jump ball and alternating possession**

### **12.1 Jump ball definition**

- 12.1.1 **A jump ball** occurs when an official tosses the ball in the centre circle between any 2 opponents at the beginning of the first **quarter**.
- 12.1.2 **A held ball** occurs when one or more players from opposing teams have one or both hands firmly on the ball so that neither player can gain control without undue roughness.

### **12.2 Jump ball procedure**

- 12.2.1 Each jumper shall stand with both feet inside the half of the centre circle nearest to his own basket with one foot close to the centre line.
- 12.2.2 Team-mates may not occupy adjacent positions around the circle if an opponent wishes to occupy one of those positions.
- 12.2.3 The official shall then toss the ball vertically upwards between the 2 opponents, higher than either of them can reach by jumping.
- 12.2.4 The ball must be tapped with the hand(s) of at least one of the jumpers after it reaches its highest point.
- 12.2.5 Neither jumper shall leave his position until the ball has been legally tapped.
- 12.2.6 Neither jumper may catch the ball or tap it more than twice until it has touched one of the non-jumpers or the floor.
- 12.2.7 If the ball is not tapped by at least one of the jumpers, the jump ball shall be repeated.
- 12.2.8 No part of a non-jumper's body may be on or over the circle line (cylinder) before the ball has been tapped.

**An infraction of Art. 12.2.1, 12.2.4, 12.2.5, 12.2.6, and 12.2.8 is a violation.**

### **12.3 Jump ball situations**

A jump ball situation occurs when:

- A held ball is called.
- The ball goes out-of-bounds and the officials are in doubt or disagree about which of the opponents last touched the ball.
- A double free-throw violation occurs during an unsuccessful last free throw.
- A live ball lodges between the ring and the backboard **except:**
  - **Between** free throws,

- After the last free throw followed by a throw-in from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt.
- The ball becomes dead when neither team has control of the ball nor is entitled to the ball.
- After the cancellation of equal penalties against both teams, if there are no other foul penalties remaining for administration and neither team had control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball before the first foul or violation.
- All quarters other than the first one and all overtimes are to begin.

## 12.4 Alternating possession definition

12.4.1 Alternating possession is a method of causing the ball to become live with a throw-in rather than a jump ball.

12.4.2 Alternating possession throw-in:

- **Begins** when the ball is at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.
- **Ends** when:
  - The ball touches or is legally touched by a player on the playing court.
  - The team taking the throw-in commits a violation.
  - A live ball lodges between the ring and the backboard during a throw-in.

## 12.5 Alternating possession procedure

12.5.1 In all jump ball situations teams shall alternate possession of the ball for a throw-in from the place nearest to where the jump ball situation occurs.

12.5.2 The team that does not gain control of the live ball on the playing court after the jump ball shall be entitled to the first alternating possession.

12.5.3 The team entitled to the next alternating possession at the end of any quarter or overtime shall begin the next quarter or overtime with a throw-in from the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table, unless there are further free throws and a possession penalty to be administered.

12.5.4 The team entitled to the alternating possession throw-in shall be indicated by the alternating possession arrow in the direction of the opponents' basket. The direction of the alternating possession arrow shall be reversed immediately when the alternating possession throw-in ends.

12.5.5 A violation by a team during its alternating possession throw-in causes that team to lose the alternating possession throw-in. The direction of the alternating possession arrow shall be reversed immediately, indicating that the opponents of the violating team shall be entitled to the alternating possession throw-in at the next jump ball situation. The game shall then be resumed by awarding the ball to the opponents of the violating team for a throw-in from the place of the original throw-in.

12.5.6 A foul by either team:

- Before the beginning of a quarter other than the first one or an overtime, or
- During the alternating possession throw-in, does not cause the team entitled to the throw-in to lose that alternating possession.

## Art. 13 How the ball is played

### 13.1 Definition

During the game, the ball is played with the hand(s) only and may be passed, thrown, tapped, rolled or dribbled in any direction, subject to the restrictions of these rules.

### 13.2 Rule

A player shall not run with the ball, deliberately kick or block it with any part of the leg or strike it with the fist.

However, to accidentally come into contact with or touch the ball with any part of the leg is not a violation.

**An infraction of Art. 13.2 is a violation.**

## Art. 14 Control of the ball

### 14.1 Definition

14.1.1 Team control **starts** when a player of that team is in control of a live ball by holding or dribbling it or has a live ball at his disposal.

14.1.2 Team control **continues** when:

- A player of that team is in control of a live ball.
- The ball is being passed between team-mates.

14.1.3 Team control **ends** when:

- An opponent gains control.
- The ball becomes dead.
- The ball has left the player's hand(s) on a shot for a field goal or for a free throw.

## Art. 15 Player in the act of shooting

### 15.1 Definition

15.1.1 A **shot** for a field goal or a free throw is when the ball is held in a player's hand(s) and is then thrown into the air towards the opponents' basket.

**A tap** is when the ball is directed with the hand(s) towards the opponents' basket.

**A dunk** is when the ball is forced downwards into the opponents' basket with one or both hands.

A tap and a dunk are also considered as shots for a field goal.

15.1.2 The **act of shooting**:

- **Begins** when the player starts the continuous movement normally preceding the release of the ball and, in the judgement of an official, he has started an attempt to score by throwing, tapping or dunking the ball towards the opponents' basket.
- **Ends** when the ball has left the player's hand(s) and, in the case of an airborne shooter, both feet have returned to the floor.

During his act of shooting the player might have his arm(s) held by an opponent, thus preventing him from scoring. In this case it is not essential that the ball leaves the player's hand(s).

When a player is in the act of shooting and after being fouled he passes the ball off, he is no longer considered to have been in the act of shooting.

There is no relationship between the number of legal steps taken and the act of shooting.

- 15.1.3 A **continuous movement** in the act of shooting:
- Begins when the ball has come to rest in the player's hand(s) and the shooting motion, usually upward, has started.
  - May include the player's arm(s) and/or body movement in his attempt to shoot for a field goal.
  - Ends when the ball has left the player's hand(s), or if an entirely new act of shooting is made.

## Art. 16 Goal: When made and its value

### 16.1 Definition

16.1.1 A goal is made when a live ball enters the basket from above and remains within or passes through the basket entirely.

16.1.2 The ball is considered to be within the basket when the slightest part of the ball is within the basket and below the level of the ring.

### 16.2 Rule

16.2.1 A goal is credited to the team attacking the opponents' basket into which the ball has entered as follows:

- A goal released from a free throw counts 1 point.
- A goal released from the 2-point field goal area counts 2 points.
- A goal released from the 3-point field goal area counts 3 points.
- After the ball has touched the ring on a last free throw and is legally touched by an offensive or defensive player before it enters the basket, the goal counts 2 points.

16.2.2 If a player **accidentally** scores a field goal in his team's basket, the goal counts 2 points and shall be recorded as having been scored by the captain of the **opponents'** team on the playing court.

16.2.3 If a player **deliberately** scores a field goal in his team's basket, it is a violation and the goal does not count.

16.2.4 If a player causes the entire ball to pass through the basket from below, it is a violation.

16.2.5 The game clock must indicate 0:00.3 (3 tenths of a second) or more for a player to gain control of the ball on a throw-in or on a rebound after the last free throw in order to attempt a shot for a field goal. If the game clock indicates 0:00.2 or 0:00.1 the only type of a valid field goal made is by tapping or directly dunking the ball.

## Art. 17 Throw-in

### 17.1 Definition

17.1.1 A throw-in occurs when the ball is passed into the playing court by the out-of-bounds player taking the throw-in.

### 17.2 Procedure

17.2.1 An official must hand or place the ball at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in. He may also toss or bounce pass the ball provided that:

- The official is no more than 4 m from the player taking the throw-in.
- The player taking the throw-in is at the correct place as designated by the official.

17.2.2 The player shall take the throw-in from the place nearest to the infraction or where the game was stopped, except directly behind the backboard.

17.2.3 At the beginning of all quarters other than the first one and all overtimes, the throw-in shall be administered from the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table.

The player taking the throw-in shall have one foot on either side of the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table, and shall be entitled to pass the ball to a teammate at any place on the playing court.

17.2.4 When the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter or overtime, following a time-out taken by the team that is entitled to the possession of the ball from its backcourt, the coach of that team has the right to decide whether the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt or from the team's backcourt at the place nearest to where the game was stopped.

17.2.5 Following a personal foul committed by a player of the team in control of a live ball, or of the team entitled to the ball, the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from the place nearest to the infraction.

17.2.6 Following a technical foul, the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from the place nearest to where the ball was located when the technical foul was called, unless otherwise stated in these rules.

17.2.7 Following an unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul, the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from the throw-in line at the team's frontcourt, unless otherwise stated in these rules.

17.2.8 Following a fighting, the game shall be resumed as stated in Art. 39.

17.2.9 Whenever the ball enters the basket, but the field goal or the free throw is not valid, the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from the free-throw line extended.

17.2.10 Following a successful field goal or a successful last free throw:

- Any player of the non-scoring team shall take the throw-in from any place behind that team's endline. This is also applicable after an official hands or places the ball at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in after a time-out or after any interruption of the game following a successful field goal or a successful last free throw.
- The player taking the throw-in may move laterally and/or backwards and the ball may be passed between team-mates behind the endline, but the 5 second count starts when the ball is at the disposal of the first player out-of-bounds.

## 17.3 Rule

17.3.1 The player taking the throw-in shall not:

- Take more than 5 seconds to release the ball.
- Step into the playing court while having the ball in his hand(s).
- Cause the ball to touch out-of-bounds, after it has been released on the throw-in.
- Touch the ball on the playing court before it has touched another player.
- Cause the ball to enter the basket directly.
- Move from the designated throw-in place behind the boundary line laterally in one or both directions, exceeding a total distance of 1 m before releasing the ball. **However, he is** permitted to move directly backwards from the boundary line as far as circumstances allow.

17.3.2 During the throw-in other player(s) shall not:

- Have any part of their bodies over the boundary line before the ball has been thrown-in across the boundary line.
- Be closer than 1 m to the player taking the throw-in when the throw-in place has less than 2 m distance between the boundary line and any out-of-bounds obstructions.

**17.3.3** When the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter and in each overtime, and there is a throw-in, the official shall use an illegal boundary line crossing signal as a warning while administering the throw-in.

If a defensive player:

- Moves any part of his body over the boundary line to interfere with a throw-in, or
  - Is closer than 1 m to the player taking the throw-in when the throw-in place has less than 2 m distance,
- it is a violation and shall lead to a technical foul.

**An infraction of Art. 17.3 is a violation.**

## 17.4 Penalty

The ball is awarded to the opponents for a throw-in **from** the place of the original throw-in.

## Art. 18 Time-out

### 18.1 Definition

A time-out is an interruption of the game requested by the coach or assistant coach.

### 18.2 Rule

18.2.1 Each time-out shall last 1 minute.

18.2.2 A time-out may be granted during a time-out opportunity.

18.2.3 A time-out opportunity begins when:

- For both teams, the ball becomes dead, the game clock is stopped and the official has ended his communication with the scorer's table.
- For both teams, the ball becomes dead following a successful last **free** throw.
- For the non-scoring team, a field goal is scored.

18.2.4 A time-out opportunity ends when the ball is at the disposal of a player for a throw-in or for a **first** free throw.



- 18.2.5 Each team may be granted:
- 2 time-outs during the first half.
  - 3 time-outs during the second half with a maximum of 2 of these time-outs when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter.
  - 1 time-out during each overtime.

18.2.6 Unused time-outs may not be carried over to the next half or overtime.

18.2.7 A time-out is charged against the team whose coach first made a request unless the time-out is granted following a field goal scored by the opponents and without an infraction having been called.

18.2.8 A time-out shall not be permitted to the scoring team when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter and in each overtime and, following a successful field goal unless an official has interrupted the game.

### 18.3 Procedure

18.3.1 Only a coach or assistant coach has the right to request a time-out. He shall establish visual contact with the scorer or he shall go to the scorer's table and ask clearly for a time-out, making the proper conventional sign with his hands.

18.3.2 A time-out request may be cancelled only before the scorer's signal has sounded for such a request.

18.3.3 The time-out period:

- Begins when the official blows his whistle and gives the time-out signal.
- Ends when the official blows his whistle and beckons the teams back on the playing court.

18.3.4 As soon as a time-out opportunity begins, the scorer shall sound his signal to notify the officials that a team has requested a time-out.

If a field goal is scored against a team which has requested a time-out, the timer shall immediately stop the game clock and sound his signal.

18.3.5 During the time-out and during an interval of play before the beginning of the second and fourth quarter or each overtime the players may leave the playing court and sit on the team bench and any person permitted to sit on the team bench may enter the playing court provided they remain within the vicinity of their team bench area.

18.3.6 If the request for the time-out is made by either team after the ball is at the disposal of the free-throw shooter for the first free throw, the time-out shall be granted if:

- The last free throw is successful.
- The last free throw, if not successful, is followed by a throw-in.
- A foul is called between free throws. In this case the free throw(s) shall be completed, and the time-out shall be permitted before the new foul penalty is administered, unless otherwise stated in these rules.
- A foul is called before the ball becomes live after the last free throw. In this case the time-out shall be permitted before the new foul penalty is administered.
- A violation is called before the ball becomes live after the last free throw. In this case the time-out shall be permitted before the throw-in is administered.

In the event of consecutive sets of free throws and/or possession of the ball resulting from more than 1 foul penalty, each set is to be treated separately.

## Art. 19 Substitution

### 19.1 Definition

A substitution is an interruption of the game requested by the substitute to become a player.

### 19.2 Rule

19.2.1 A team may substitute a player(s) during a substitution opportunity.

19.2.2 A substitution opportunity begins when:

- For both teams, the ball becomes dead, the game clock is stopped and the official has ended his communication with the scorer's table.
- For both teams, the ball becomes dead following a successful last free throw.
- For the non-scoring team, a field goal is scored when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter and in each overtime.

19.2.3 A substitution opportunity ends when the ball is at the disposal of a player for a throw-in or a first free throw.

19.2.4 A player who has become a substitute and a substitute who has become a player cannot respectively re-enter the game or leave the game until the ball becomes dead again, after a clock-running phase of the game, unless:

- The team is reduced to fewer than 5 players on the playing court.
- The player entitled to the free-throws as the result of the correction of an error is on the team bench after having been legally substituted.

19.2.5 A substitution shall not be permitted to the scoring team when the game clock is stopped following a successful field goal when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter and in each overtime unless an official has interrupted the game.

### 19.3 Procedure

19.3.1 Only a substitute has the right to request a substitution. He (not the coach or the assistant coach) shall go to the scorer's table and ask clearly for a substitution, making the proper conventional sign with his hands, or sit on the substitution chair. He must be ready to play immediately.

19.3.2 A substitution request may be cancelled only before the scorer's signal has sounded for such a request.

19.3.3 As soon as a substitution opportunity begins, the scorer shall sound his signal to notify the officials that a request for a substitution has been made.

19.3.4 The substitute shall remain outside the boundary line until the official blows his whistle, gives the substitution signal and beckons him to enter the playing court.

19.3.5 The player being substituted is permitted to go directly to his team bench without reporting either to the scorer or the official.

19.3.6 Substitutions shall be completed as quickly as possible. A player who has committed 5 fouls or has been disqualified must be substituted immediately (taking no more than 30 seconds). If, in the judgement of an official, there is a delay of the game, a time-out shall be charged against the offending team. If the team has no time-out remaining, a technical foul for delaying the game may be charged against the coach, recorded as 'B'.

19.3.7 If a substitution is requested during a time-out or during an interval of play other than the half-time interval, the substitute must report to the scorer before entering the game.

19.3.8 If the free-throw shooter must be substituted because **he:**

- **Is injured, or**
- **Has committed 5 fouls, or**
- **Has been disqualified,**

**the** free throw(s) must be attempted by his substitute who may not be substituted again until he has played in the next clock-running phase of the game.

19.3.9 If the request for a substitution is made by either team after the ball is at the disposal of the free-throw shooter for the first free throw, the substitution shall be granted if:

- The last free throw is successful.
- The last free throw, **if not successful, is followed by a throw-in.**
- A foul is called between free throws. In this case the free throw(s) **shall** be completed, and the substitution **shall** be permitted before the new foul penalty is administered, **unless otherwise stated in these rules.**
- A foul is called before the ball becomes live after the last free throw. In this case the substitution **shall** be permitted before the new foul penalty is administered.
- A violation is called before the ball becomes live after the last free throw. In this case the substitution **shall** be permitted before the throw-in is administered.

In the event of consecutive sets of free throws and/or possession of the ball resulting from more than 1 foul penalty, each set is to be treated separately.

## **Art. 20 Game lost by forfeit**

### **20.1 Rule**

A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:

- The team is not present or is unable to field 5 players ready to play 15 minutes after the game is scheduled to begin.
- Its actions prevent the game from being played.
- It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the crew chief.

### **20.2 Penalty**

20.2.1 The game is awarded to the opponents and the score shall be 20 to 0. Furthermore, the forfeiting team shall receive 0 **classification points.**

20.2.2 For a 2-games (home and away) total points series (aggregate score) and for Play-Offs (best of 3), the team that forfeits in the first, second, or third game shall lose the series or Play-Offs by 'forfeit'. This does not apply for Play-Offs (best of 5 **and best of 7**).

20.2.3 If in a tournament the team forfeits for the second time, the team shall be disqualified from the tournament and the results of all games played by this team shall be nullified.

## **Art. 21 Game lost by default**

### **21.1 Rule**

A team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the team has fewer than 2 players on the playing court ready to play.

### **21.2 Penalty**

21.2.1 If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score shall stand as at the time when the game was stopped. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as 2 to 0 in its favour. The defaulting team shall receive 1 **classification point**.

21.2.2 For a 2-games (home and away) total point series (aggregate score), the team that defaults in the first or in the second game shall lose the series by 'default'.

## **RULE FIVE – VIOLATIONS**

### **Art. 22 Violations**

#### **22.1 Definition**

A violation is an infraction of the rules.

#### **22.2 Penalty**

The ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in **from** the place nearest to the infraction, except directly behind the backboard, unless otherwise stated in **these** rules.

### **Art. 23 Player out-of-bounds and ball out-of-bounds**

#### **23.1 Definition**

23.1.1 A **player** is out-of-bounds when any part of his body is in contact with the floor, or any object other than a player above, on or outside the boundary line.

23.1.2 The **ball** is out-of-bounds when it touches:

- A player or any other person who is out-of-bounds.
- The floor or any object above, on or outside the boundary line.
- The backboard supports, the back of the backboards or any object above the playing court.

#### **23.2 Rule**

23.2.1 The ball is caused to go out-of-bounds by the last player to touch or be touched by the ball before it goes out-of-bounds, even if the ball then goes out-of-bounds by touching something other than a player.

23.2.2 If the ball is out-of-bounds because of touching or being touched by a player who is on or outside the boundary line, this player causes the ball to go out-of-bounds.

23.2.3 If a player(s) move(s) to out-of-bounds or to his backcourt **during** a held ball, a jump ball situation occurs.

### **Art. 24 Dribbling**

#### **24.1 Definition**

24.1.1 A dribble is the movement of a live ball caused by a player in control of that ball who throws, taps, rolls **or bounces** the ball on the **floor**.

24.1.2 A **dribble starts** when a player, having gained control of a live ball on the playing court **throws, taps, rolls or bounces** it on the **floor** **and** touches it again before it touches another player.

**A dribble ends** when the player touches the ball with both hands simultaneously or permits the ball to come to rest in one or both hands.

During a dribble the ball may be thrown into the air provided the ball touches the floor or another player before the player who threw it touches it again with his hand.

There is no limit to the number of steps a player may take when the ball is not in contact with his hand.

24.1.3 A player who accidentally loses and then regains control of a live ball on the playing court is considered to be fumbling the ball.

- 24.1.4 The following are not dribbles:
- Successive shots for a field goal.
  - Fumbling the ball at the beginning or at the end of a dribble.
  - Attempts to gain control of the ball by tapping it from the vicinity of other players.
  - Tapping the ball from the control of another player.
  - Deflecting a pass and gaining control of the ball.
  - Tossing the ball from hand to hand and allowing it to come to rest in one or both hands before touching the floor, provided that no travelling violation is committed.
  - **Throwing the ball against the backboard and regaining the control of the ball.**

## 24.2 Rule

A player shall not dribble for a second time after his first dribble has ended unless between the 2 dribbles he has lost control of a live ball on the playing court because of:

- A shot for a field goal.
- A touch of the ball by an opponent.
- A pass or fumble that has touched or been touched by another player.

## Art. 25 Travelling

### 25.1 Definition

25.1.1 **Travelling** is the illegal movement of one foot or both feet beyond the limits outlined in this article, in any direction, while holding a live ball on the playing court.

25.1.2 A **pivot** is the legal movement in which a player who is holding a live ball on the playing court steps once or more than once in any direction with the same foot, while the other foot, called the pivot foot, is kept at its point of contact with the floor.

### 25.2 Rule

#### 25.2.1 Establishing a pivot foot by a player who catches a live ball on the playing court:

- A player who catches the ball while standing with both feet on the floor:
  - The moment one foot is lifted, the other foot becomes the pivot foot.
  - To start a dribble, the pivot foot may not be lifted before the ball is released from the hand(s).
  - To pass or shoot for a field goal, the player may jump off a pivot foot, but neither foot may be returned to the floor before the ball is released from the hand(s).
- A player who catches the ball while he is progressing, or upon completion of a dribble, may take two steps in coming to a stop, passing or shooting the ball:
  - If, **after** receiving the ball, **a** player shall release the ball to start his dribble before his second step.
  - The first step occurs when one foot or both feet touch the floor after gaining control of the ball.
  - The second step occurs after the first step when the other foot touches the floor or both feet touch the floor simultaneously.
  - If the player who comes to a stop on his first step has both feet on the floor or they touch the floor simultaneously, he may pivot using either foot as his pivot foot. If he then jumps with both feet, no foot may return to the floor before the ball is released from the hand(s).

- If a player lands with one foot he may only pivot using that foot.
- If a player jumps off one foot on the first step, he may land with both feet simultaneously for the second step. In this situation, the player may not pivot with either foot. If one foot or both feet then leave the floor, no foot may return to the floor before the ball is released from the hand(s).
- If both feet are off the floor and the player lands on both feet simultaneously, the moment one foot is lifted the other foot becomes the pivot foot.
- A player may not touch the floor consecutively with the same foot or both feet after ending his dribble or gaining control of the ball.

25.2.2 A player falling, lying or sitting on the floor:

- It is legal when a player falls and slides on the floor while holding the ball or, while lying or sitting on the floor, gains control of the ball.
- It is a violation if the player then rolls or attempts to stand up while holding the ball.

## **Art. 26 3 seconds**

### **26.1 Rule**

26.1.1 A player shall **not** remain in the opponents' restricted area for more than 3 consecutive seconds while his team is in control of a live ball in the frontcourt and the game clock is running.

26.1.2 Allowances must be made for a player who:

- Makes an attempt to leave the restricted area.
- Is in the restricted area when he or his team-mate is in the act of shooting and the ball is leaving or has just left the player's hand(s) on the shot for a field goal.
- Dribbles in the restricted area to shoot for a field goal after having been there for less than 3 consecutive seconds.

26.1.3 To establish himself outside the restricted area, the player must place both feet on the floor outside the restricted area.

## **Art. 27 Closely guarded player**

### **27.1 Definition**

A player who is holding a live ball on the playing court is closely guarded when an opponent is in an active legal guarding position at a distance of no more than 1 m.

### **27.2 Rule**

A closely guarded player must pass, shoot or dribble the ball within 5 seconds.

## **Art. 28 8 seconds**

### **28.1 Rule**

28.1.1 Whenever:

- A player in the backcourt gains control of a live ball, **or**
- On a throw-in, the ball touches or is legally touched by any player in the backcourt and the team of that player taking the throw-in remains in control of the ball in its backcourt,

that team must cause the ball to go into its frontcourt within 8 seconds.

- 28.1.2 The team has caused the ball to go into its frontcourt whenever:
- The ball, not in control of any player, touches the frontcourt.
  - The ball touches or is legally touched by an offensive player who has both feet completely in contact with his frontcourt.
  - The ball touches or is legally touched by a defensive player who has part of his body in contact with his backcourt.
  - The ball touches an official who has part of his body in contact with the frontcourt of the team in control of the ball.
  - During a dribble from the backcourt to the frontcourt, the ball and both feet of the dribbler are completely in contact with the frontcourt.
- 28.1.3 The 8 second period shall continue with any time remaining when the same team that previously had control of the ball is awarded a throw-in in the backcourt, as a result of:
- A ball having gone out-of-bounds.
  - A player of the same team having been injured.
  - A technical foul committed by that team.
  - A jump ball situation.
  - A double foul.
  - A cancellation of equal penalties against both teams.

## Art. 29 24 seconds

### 29.1 Rule

#### 29.1.1 Whenever:

- A player gains control of a **live** ball on the **playing court**,
- On a throw-in, the ball touches or is legally touched by any player on the playing court and the team of that player taking the throw-in remains in control of the ball,

that team must attempt a shot for a field goal within 24 seconds.

To constitute a shot for a field goal within 24 seconds:

- The ball must leave the player's hand(s) before the shot clock signal sounds, and
- After the ball has left the player's hand(s), the ball must touch the ring or enter the basket.

#### 29.1.2 When a shot for a field goal is attempted near the end of the 24-second period and the shot clock signal sounds while the ball is in the air:

- If the ball enters the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded and the goal shall count.
- If the ball touches the ring but does not enter the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.
- If the ball misses the ring, a violation has occurred. However, if the opponents **gain** immediate and clear control of the ball, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.

**When the backboard is equipped with yellow lighting along its perimeter at the top, the lighting takes precedence over the shot clock signal sound.**

**All restrictions** related to goaltending and interference shall **apply**.



## 29.2 Procedure

- 29.2.1 The shot clock shall be reset whenever the game is stopped by an official:
- For a foul or violation (not for the ball having gone out-of-bounds) by the team not in control of the ball,
  - For any valid reason by the team not in control of the ball,
  - For any valid reason not connected with either team.

In these situations, the possession of the ball shall be awarded to the same team that previously had control of the ball. If the throw-in is then administered in that team's:

- Backcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to 24 seconds.
- Frontcourt, the shot clock shall be reset as follows:
  - If 14 seconds or more are displayed on the shot clock at the time when the game was stopped, the shot clock shall not be reset, but shall continue from the time it was stopped.
  - If 13 seconds or less are displayed on the shot clock at the time when the game was stopped, the shot clock shall be reset to 14 seconds.

However, if the game is stopped by an official for any valid reason not connected with either team and, in the judgement of an official, the reset of the shot clock would place the opponents at a disadvantage, the shot clock shall continue from the time it was stopped.

- 29.2.2 The shot clock shall be reset whenever a throw-in is awarded to the opponents' team after the game is stopped by an official for a foul or violation (including the ball having gone out-of-bounds) committed by the team in control of the ball.

The shot clock shall also be reset if the new offensive team is awarded a throw-in according to the alternating possession procedure.

If the throw-in is then administered in that team's:

- Backcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to a new 24 seconds.
- Frontcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to 14 seconds.

- 29.2.3 Whenever the game is stopped by an official for a technical foul committed by the team in control of the ball, the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from the place nearest to where the game was stopped. The shot clock shall not be reset but shall continue from the time it was stopped.

- 29.2.4 When the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter or overtime, following a time-out taken by the team that is entitled to the possession of the ball from its backcourt, the coach of that team has the right to decide whether the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt or from the team's backcourt at the place nearest to where the game was stopped.

After the time-out, the throw-in shall be administered as follows:

- If as a result of the ball having gone out-of-bounds and if it is in the team's:
  - Backcourt, the shot clock shall continue from the time it was stopped.
  - Frontcourt: If the shot clock shows 13 seconds or less it shall continue from the time it was stopped. If the shot clock shows 14 seconds or more, it shall be reset to 14 seconds.
- If as a result of a foul or violation (not for the ball having gone out-of-bounds) and if it is in the team's:
  - Backcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to 24 seconds.
  - Frontcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to 14 seconds.

- If the time-out is taken by the team which has a new control of the ball, and if it is in the team's:
  - Backcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to 24 seconds.
  - Frontcourt, the shot clock shall be reset to 14 seconds.

**29.2.5** When the team is awarded a throw-in from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt as part of the penalty for an unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul, the shot clock shall be reset to 14 seconds.

**29.2.6** After the ball has touched the ring of the opponents' basket, the shot clock shall be reset to:

- 24 seconds, if the opponents' team gains control of the ball.
- 14 seconds, if the team which regains control of the ball is the same team that was in control of the ball before the ball touched the ring.

**29.2.7** If the shot clock signal **sounds in error** while a team has control of the ball or neither team has control of the ball, the signal shall be disregarded, and the game shall continue.

However, if in the judgement of an official, the team in control of the ball has been placed at a disadvantage, the game shall be stopped, the shot clock shall be corrected and possession of the ball shall be awarded to that team.

## **Art. 30 Ball returned to the backcourt**

### **30.1 Definition**

**30.1.1** A team is in control of a live ball in its frontcourt when:

- A player of that team is touching his frontcourt with both feet while holding, catching or dribbling the ball in his frontcourt, or
- The ball is passed between the players of that team in its frontcourt.

**30.1.2** A team in control of a live ball in the frontcourt has caused the ball to be illegally returned to its backcourt if a player of that team is the last to touch the ball in his frontcourt and the ball is then first touched by a player of that team:

- Who has part of his body in contact with the backcourt, or
- After the ball has touched the backcourt of that team.

This restriction applies to all situations in a team's frontcourt, including throw-ins. However, it does not apply to a player who jumps from his frontcourt, establishes new team control while still airborne and then lands with the ball in his team's backcourt.

### **30.2 Rule**

A team which is in control of a live ball in its frontcourt may not cause the ball to be illegally returned to its backcourt.

### **30.3 Penalty**

The ball shall be awarded to the opponents' team for a throw-in in its frontcourt at the place nearest to the infraction except directly behind the backboard.

## Art. 31 Goaltending and Interference

### 31.1 Definition

31.1.1 A shot for a field goal or a free throw:

- **Begins** when the ball leaves the hand(s) of a player in the act of shooting.
- **Ends** when the ball:
  - Enters the basket directly from above and remains within the basket or passes through the basket entirely.
  - No longer has the possibility to enter the basket.
  - Touches the ring.
  - Touches the floor.
  - Becomes dead.

### 31.2 Rule

31.2.1 **Goaltending** occurs during a **shot for a field goal** when a player touches the ball while it is completely above the level of the ring and:

- It is on its downward flight to the basket, or
- After it has touched the backboard.

31.2.2 **Goaltending** occurs during a **shot for a free throw** when a player touches the ball while it is in flight to the basket and before it touches the ring.

31.2.3 The goaltending restrictions apply until:

- The ball no longer has the possibility to enter the basket.
- The ball has touched the ring.

31.2.4 **Interference** occurs when:

- After a shot for a field goal or the last free throw a player touches the basket or the backboard while the ball is in contact with the ring.
- After a free throw followed by an additional free throw(s), a player touches the ball, the basket or the backboard while there is still a possibility that the ball will enter the basket.
- A player reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball.
- A defensive player touches the ball or the basket while the ball is within the basket, thus preventing the ball from passing through the basket.
- A player causes the basket to vibrate or grasps the basket in such a way that, in the judgement of an official, the ball has been prevented from entering the basket or has been caused to enter the basket.
- A player grasps the basket and plays the ball.

31.2.5 **When:**

- An official has blown his whistle while:
  - The ball was in the hands of a player in the act of shooting, or
  - The ball was in flight on a shot for a field goal or on a last free throw,
- The game clock signal has sounded for the end of the quarter or overtime,  
No player shall touch the ball after it has touched the ring while it still has the possibility to enter the basket.

**All restrictions** related to goaltending and interference shall **apply**.

### 31.3 Penalty

31.3.1 If the violation is committed by an **offensive player**, no points can be awarded. The ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in **from** the free-throw line extended, unless otherwise stated in **these** rules.

31.3.2 If the violation is committed by a **defensive player**, the offensive team is awarded:

- 1 point, if the ball was released for a free throw.
- 2 points, if the ball was released from the 2-point field goal area.
- 3 points, if the ball was released from the 3-point field goal area.

The awarding of the points is considered as if the ball had entered the basket.

31.3.3 If the goaltending is committed by a **defensive player** during a last **f** free throw, 1 point shall be awarded to the offensive team, followed by a technical foul penalty charged against the defensive player.

## RULE SIX – FOULS

### Art. 32 Fouls

#### 32.1 Definition

32.1.1 A foul is an infraction of the rules concerning illegal personal contact with an opponent and/or unsportsmanlike behaviour.

32.1.2 Any number of fouls may be called against a team. Irrespective of the penalty, each foul shall be charged, entered on the scoresheet against the offender and penalised according to these rules.

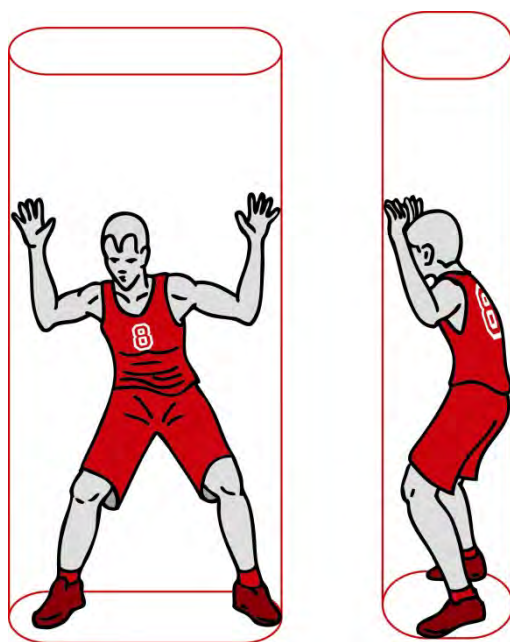
### Art. 33 Contact: General principles

#### 33.1 Cylinder principle

The cylinder principle is defined as the space within an imaginary cylinder occupied by a player on the floor. It includes the space above the player and is limited to:

- The **front** by the palms of the hands,
- The **rear** by the buttocks, and
- The **sides** by the outer edge of the arms and legs.

The hands and arms may be extended in front of the torso no further than the position of the feet, with the arms bent at the elbows so that the forearms and hands are raised. The distance between his feet will vary according to his height.



**Diagram 5** Cylinder principle

#### 33.2 Principle of verticality

During the game, each player has the right to occupy any position (cylinder) on the playing court not already occupied by an opponent.

This principle protects the space on the floor which he occupies and the space above him when he jumps vertically within that space.

As soon as the player leaves his vertical position (cylinder) and body contact occurs with an opponent who had already established his own vertical position (cylinder), the player who left his vertical position (cylinder) is responsible for the contact.

The defensive player must not be penalised for leaving the floor vertically (within his cylinder) or having his hands and arms extended above him within his own cylinder.

The offensive player, whether on the floor or airborne, shall not cause contact with the defensive player in a legal guarding position by:

- Using his arms to create more space for himself (pushing off).
- Spreading his legs or arms to cause contact during or immediately after a shot for a field goal.

### 33.3 Legal guarding position

A defensive player has established an initial legal guarding position when:

- He is facing his opponent, and
- He has both feet on the floor.

The legal guarding position extends vertically above him (cylinder) from the floor to the ceiling. He may raise his arms and hands above his head or jump vertically but he must maintain them in a vertical position inside the imaginary cylinder.

### 33.4 Guarding a player who controls the ball

When guarding a player who controls (holding or dribbling) the ball, the **elements of time and distance do not apply**.

The player with the ball must expect to be guarded and must be prepared to stop or change his direction whenever an opponent takes an initial legal guarding position in front of him, even if this is done within a fraction of a second.

The guarding (defensive) player must establish an initial legal guarding position without causing contact before taking his position.

Once the defensive player has established an initial legal guarding position, he may move to guard his opponent, but he may not extend his arms, shoulders, hips or legs to prevent the dribbler from passing by him.

When judging a charge/block situation involving a player with the ball, an official shall use the following principles:

- The defensive player must establish an initial legal guarding position by facing the player with the ball and having both feet on the floor.
- The defensive player may remain stationary, jump vertically, move laterally or backwards in order to maintain the initial legal guarding position.
- When moving to maintain the initial legal guarding position, one foot or both feet may be off the floor for an instant, as long as the movement is lateral or backwards, but **not towards** the player with the ball.
- Contact must occur on the torso, in which case the defensive player would be considered as having been at the place of contact first.
- Having established a legal guarding position, the defensive player may turn **within** his cylinder to avoid injury.

In any of the above situations, the contact shall be considered as having been caused by the player with the ball.

### 33.5 Guarding a player who does not control the ball

A player who does not control the ball is entitled to move freely on the playing court and take any position not already occupied by another player.

When guarding a player who does not control the ball, the **elements of time and distance shall apply**. A defensive player cannot take a position so near and/or so quickly in the path of a moving opponent that the latter does not have sufficient time or distance either to stop or change his direction.

The distance is directly proportional to the speed of the opponent, but never less than 1 normal step.

If a defensive player does not respect the elements of time and distance in taking his initial legal guarding position and contact with an opponent occurs, he is responsible for the contact.

Once a defensive player has established an initial legal guarding position, he may move to guard his opponent. He may not prevent him from passing by extending his arms, shoulders, hips or legs in his path. He may turn within his cylinder to avoid injury.

### 33.6 A player who is in the air

A player who has jumped into the air from a place on the playing court has the right to land again at the same place.

He has the right to land on another place on the playing court provided that the landing place and the direct path between the take-off and landing place is not already occupied by an opponent(s) at the time of take-off.

If a player has taken off and landed but his momentum causes him to contact an opponent who has taken a legal guarding position beyond the landing place, the jumper is responsible for the contact.

An opponent may not move into the path of a player after that player has jumped into the air.

Moving under a player who is in the air and causing contact is usually an unsportsmanlike foul and in certain circumstances may be a disqualifying foul.

### 33.7 Screening: Legal and illegal

Screening is an attempt to delay or prevent an opponent without the ball from reaching a desired position on the playing court.

**Legal** screening is when the player who is screening an opponent:

- **Was stationary** (inside his cylinder) when contact occurred.
- Had both feet on the floor when contact occurred.

**Illegal** screening is when the player who is screening an opponent:

- **Was moving** when contact occurred.
- Did not give sufficient distance in setting a screen outside the field of vision of a **stationary** opponent when contact occurred.
- Did not respect the elements of time and distance of an opponent **in motion** when contact occurred.

If the screen is set **within** the field of vision of a stationary opponent (front or lateral), the screener may establish the screen as close to him as he wishes, provided there is no contact.

If the screen is set **outside** the field of vision of a stationary opponent, the screener must permit the opponent to take 1 normal step towards the screen without making contact.

If the opponent is **in motion**, the elements of time and distance shall apply. The screener must leave enough space so that the player who is being screened is able to avoid the screen by stopping or changing direction.

The distance required is never less than 1 and never more than 2 normal steps.

A player who is legally screened is responsible for any contact with the player who has set the screen.

### **33.8 Charging**

Charging is illegal personal contact, with or without the ball, by pushing or moving into an opponent's torso.

### **33.9 Blocking**

Blocking is illegal personal contact which impedes the progress of an opponent with or without the ball.

A player who is attempting to screen is committing a blocking foul if contact occurs when he is moving and his opponent is stationary or retreating from him.

If a player disregards the ball, faces an opponent and shifts his position as the opponent shifts, he is primarily responsible for any contact that occurs, unless other factors are involved.

The expression 'unless other factors are involved' refers to deliberate pushing, charging or holding of the player who is being screened.

It is legal for a player to extend his arm(s) or elbow(s) outside of his cylinder in taking position on the floor but they must be moved inside his cylinder when an opponent attempts to pass by. If the arm(s) or elbow(s) are outside his cylinder and contact occurs, it is blocking or holding.

### **33.10 No-charge semi-circle areas**

The no-charge semi-circle areas are drawn on the playing court for the purpose of designating a specific area for the interpretation of charge/block situations under the basket.

On any penetration play into the no-charge semi-circle area any contact caused by an airborne offensive player with a defensive player inside the no-charge semi-circle shall not be called as an offensive foul, unless the offensive player is illegally using his hands, arms, legs or body. This rule applies when:

- The offensive player is in control of the ball whilst airborne, and
- He attempts a shot for a field goal or passes off the ball, and
- The defensive player has **one foot or both feet in contact with** the no-charge semi-circle area.



### 33.11 Contacting an opponent with the hand(s) and/or arm(s)

The touching of an opponent with the hand(s) is, in itself, not necessarily a foul.

The officials shall decide whether the player who caused the contact has gained an advantage. If contact caused by a player in any way restricts the freedom of movement of an opponent, such contact is a foul.

Illegal use of the hand(s) or extended arm(s) occurs when the defensive player is in a guarding position and his hand(s) or arm(s) is placed upon and remains in contact with an opponent **with** or **without** the ball, to impede his progress.

To repeatedly touch or 'jab' an opponent with or without the ball is a foul, as it may lead to rough play.

It is a foul by an **offensive player with the ball** to:

- 'Hook' or wrap an arm or an elbow around a defensive player in order to obtain an advantage.
- 'Push off' to prevent the defensive player from playing or attempting to play the ball, or to create more space for himself.
- Use an extended forearm or hand, while dribbling, to prevent an opponent from gaining control of the ball.

It is a foul by an **offensive player without the ball** to 'push off' to:

- Get free to catch the ball.
- Prevent the defensive player from playing or attempting to play the ball.
- Create more space for him.

### 33.12 Post play

The principle of verticality (cylinder principle) applies also to post play.

The offensive player in the post position and the defensive player guarding him must respect each other's rights to a vertical position (cylinder).

It is a foul by an offensive or defensive player in the post position to shoulder or hip his opponent out of position or to interfere with his opponent's freedom of movement using extended arms, shoulders, hips, legs or other parts of the body.

### 33.13 Illegal guarding from the rear

Illegal guarding from the rear is personal contact with an opponent, by a defensive player, from behind. The fact that the defensive player is attempting to play the ball does not justify his contact with an opponent from the rear.

### 33.14 Holding

Holding is illegal personal contact with an opponent that interferes with his freedom of movement. This contact (holding) can occur with any part of the body.

### 33.15 Pushing

Pushing is illegal personal contact with any part of the body where a player forcibly moves or attempts to move an opponent with or without the ball.

### 33.16 Fake **being fouled**

Fake is any action by a player to simulate that he has been fouled or to make theatrical exaggerated movements in order to create an opinion of being fouled and therefore gaining an advantage.

## Art. 34 Personal foul

### 34.1 Definition

34.1.1 A personal foul is a player's illegal contact with an opponent, whether the ball is live or dead.

A player shall not hold, block, push, charge, trip or impede the progress of an opponent by extending his hand, arm, elbow, shoulder, hip, leg, knee or foot, nor by bending his body into an 'abnormal' position (outside his cylinder), nor shall he indulge in any rough or violent play.

### 34.2 Penalty

A personal foul shall be charged against the offender.

34.2.1 If the foul is committed on a player not in the act of shooting:

- The game shall be resumed with a throw-in by the non-offending team at the place nearest to the infraction.
- If the offending team is in the team foul penalty situation, then Art. 41 shall apply.

34.2.2 If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting, that player shall be awarded a number of free throws as follows:

- If the shot released from the field goal area is successful, the goal shall count and, in addition, 1 free throw.
- If the shot released from the 2-point field goal area is unsuccessful, 2 free throws.
- If the shot released from the 3-point field goal area is unsuccessful, 3 free throws.
- If the player is fouled as, or just before, the game clock signal sounds for the end of the quarter or overtime or as, or just before, the shot clock signal sounds, while the ball is still in the player's hand(s) and the field goal is successful, the goal shall not count and 2 or 3 free throws shall be awarded.

## Art. 35 Double foul

### 35.1 Definition

35.1.1 A double foul is a situation in which 2 opponents commit personal fouls against each other at approximately the same time.

35.1.2 To consider 2 fouls as a double foul the following conditions must apply:

- Both fouls are player fouls.
- Both fouls involve physical contact.
- Both fouls are between the same 2 opponents fouling each other.
- Both fouls have the same penalty.

### 35.2 Penalty

A personal foul shall be charged against each offender. No free throws shall be awarded and the game shall be resumed as follows:

If at approximately the same time as the double foul:

- A valid field goal, or a last free throw is scored, the ball shall be awarded to the non-scoring team for a throw-in from any place behind that team's endline.
- A team had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball, the ball shall be awarded to this team for a throw-in from the place nearest to the infraction.
- Neither team had control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball, a jump ball situation occurs.

## Art. 36 Technical foul

### 36.1 Rules of conduct

- 36.1.1 The proper conduct of the game demands the full and loyal cooperation of the players, coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members with the officials, table officials and commissioner, if present.
- 36.1.2 Each team shall do its best to secure victory, but this must be done in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
- 36.1.3 Any deliberate or repeated non-cooperation or non-compliance with the spirit and intent of this rule shall be considered as a technical foul.
- 36.1.4 The official may prevent technical fouls by giving warnings or even overlooking minor infractions which are obviously unintentional and have no direct effect upon the game, unless there is repetition of the same infraction after the warning.
- 36.1.5 If an infraction is recognised after the ball becomes live, the game shall be stopped and a technical foul charged. The penalty shall be administered as if the technical foul had occurred at the time it is charged. Whatever occurred during the interval between the infraction and the game being stopped shall remain valid.

### 36.2 Definition

36.2.1 A technical foul is a player non-contact foul of a behavioural nature including, but not limited to:

- Disregarding warnings given by officials.
- Disrespectfully dealing and/or communicating with the officials, the commissioner, the table officials, the opponents or persons permitted to sit on the team benches.
- Using language or gestures likely to offend or incite the spectators.
- Baiting and taunting an opponent.
- Obstructing the vision of an opponent by waving/placing his hand(s) near his eyes.
- Excessive swinging of elbows.
- Delaying the game by deliberately touching the ball after it passes through the basket or by preventing a throw-in from being taken promptly.
- Fake being fouled.
- Hanging on the ring in such a way that the weight of the player is supported by the ring, unless a player grasps the ring momentarily following a dunk shot or, in the judgement of an official, is trying to prevent injury to himself or to another player.
- Goaltending during the last free throw by a defensive player. The offensive team shall be awarded 1 point, followed by the technical foul penalty charged against the defensive player.

36.2.2 A technical foul by any person permitted to sit on the team bench is a foul for disrespectfully communicating with or touching the officials, the commissioner, the table officials or the opponents, or an infraction of a procedural or an administrative nature.

**36.2.3** A player shall be disqualified for the remainder of the game when he is charged with 2 technical fouls, or 2 unsportsmanlike fouls, or with 1 unsportsmanlike foul and 1 technical foul.

**36.2.4** A coach shall be disqualified for the remainder of the game when:

- He is charged with 2 technical fouls ('C') as a result of his personal unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- He is charged with 3 technical fouls, either all of them ('B') or one of them ('C'), as a result of the unsportsmanlike behaviour of other persons permitted to sit on the team bench.

**36.2.5** If a player or a coach is disqualified under Art. 36.2.3 or Art. 36.2.4, that technical foul shall be the only foul to be penalised and no additional penalty for the disqualification shall be administered.

### **36.3 Penalty**

**36.3.1** If a technical foul is committed:

- By a player, a technical foul shall be charged against him as a player foul and shall count as one of the team fouls.
- By any person permitted to sit on the team bench, a technical foul shall be charged against the coach and shall not count as one of the team fouls.

**36.3.2** The opponents shall be awarded 1 free throw. The game shall be resumed as follows:

- The free throw shall be administered immediately. After the free throw, the throw-in shall be administered by the team which had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball when the technical foul was called, from the place nearest to where the ball was located when the game was stopped.
- The free throw shall also be administered immediately, regardless whether the order of any other possible penalties for any other fouls has been determined or whether the administration of the penalties has been started. After the free throw for a technical foul, the game shall be resumed by the team which had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball when the technical foul was called, from the place where the game has been interrupted for the technical foul penalty.
- If a valid field goal, or a last free throw is scored, the game shall be resumed with a throw-in from any place behind the endline.
- If neither team had control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball, a jump ball situation occurs.
- With a jump ball in the centre circle to begin the first quarter.

## **Art. 37 Unsportsmanlike foul**

### **37.1 Definition**

**37.1.1** An unsportsmanlike foul is a player contact foul which, in the judgement of an official is:

- Not a legitimate attempt to directly play the ball within the spirit and intent of the rules.
- Excessive, hard contact caused by a player in an effort to play the ball or an opponent.
- An unnecessary contact caused by the defensive player in order to stop the progress of the offensive team in transition. This applies until the offensive player begins his act of shooting.

- Contact by the defensive player from behind or laterally on an opponent in an attempt to stop the fast break and there is no defensive player between the offensive player and the opponent's basket. This applies until the offensive player begins his act of shooting.
- Contact by the defensive player on an opponent on the playing court when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter and in each overtime, when the ball is out-of-bounds for a throw-in and still in the hands of the official or at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.

37.1.2 The official must interpret the unsportsmanlike fouls consistently throughout the game and to judge only the action.

## **37.2 Penalty**

37.2.1 An unsportsmanlike foul shall be charged against the offender.

37.2.2 Free throw(s) shall be awarded to the player who was fouled, followed by:

- A throw-in from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt.
- A jump ball in the centre circle to begin the first quarter.

The number of free throws shall be awarded as follows:

- If the foul is committed on a player not in the act of shooting: 2 free throws.
- If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting: the goal, if made, shall count and, in addition, 1 free throw.
- If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting and the goal is not made, 2 or 3 free throws.

37.2.3 A player shall be disqualified for the remainder of the game when he is charged with 2 unsportsmanlike fouls or 2 technical fouls, or with 1 technical foul and 1 unsportsmanlike foul.

37.2.4 If a player is disqualified under Art. 37.2.3, the unsportsmanlike foul shall be the only foul to be penalised and no additional penalty for the disqualification shall be administered.

## **Art. 38 Disqualifying foul**

### **38.1 Definition**

38.1.1 A disqualifying foul is any flagrant unsportsmanlike action by players, substitutes, coaches, assistant coaches, excluded players and accompanying delegation members.

38.1.2 A coach who has received a disqualifying foul shall be replaced by the assistant coach as entered on the scoresheet. If no assistant coach is entered on the scoresheet, he shall be replaced by the captain (CAP).

### **38.2 Violence**

38.2.1 Acts of violence may occur during the game, contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. These should be stopped immediately by the officials and, if necessary, by public order enforcement officers.

38.2.2 Whenever acts of violence occur involving players on the playing court or in its vicinity, the officials shall take the necessary action to stop them.

- 38.2.3 Any of the above persons who are guilty of flagrant acts of aggression against opponents or officials shall be disqualified. The crew chief must report the incident to the organising body of the competition.
- 38.2.4 Public order enforcement officers may enter the playing court only if requested to do so by the officials. However, should spectators enter the playing court with the obvious intention of committing acts of violence, the public order enforcement officers must intervene immediately to protect the teams and officials.
- 38.2.5 All **areas beyond the playing court or its vicinity**, including entrances, exits, hallways, dressing rooms, etc., come under the jurisdiction of the organising body of the competition and the public order enforcement officers.
- 38.2.6 Physical actions by players or **any person permitted to sit on the team bench**, which could lead to damaging of game equipment, must not be permitted by the officials.
- When behaviour of this nature is observed by the officials, the coach of the offending team shall be given a warning.
- Should the action(s) be repeated, a technical **or even disqualifying** foul shall immediately be called on the individual(s) involved.

### **38.3 Penalty**

**38.3.1** A disqualifying foul shall be charged against the offender.

**38.3.2** Whenever the offender is disqualified according to the respective articles of these rules, he shall go to and remain in his team's dressing room for the duration of the game or, if he so wishes, he shall leave the building.

**38.3.3** Free throw(s) shall be awarded:

- To any opponent, as designated by his coach in the case of a non-contact foul.
- To the player who was fouled in the case of a contact foul.

Followed by:

- A throw-in **from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt**.
- A jump ball in the centre circle to begin the first **quarter**.

**38.3.4** The number of free throws shall be awarded as follows:

- If the foul is a non-contact foul: 2 free throws.
- If the foul is committed on a player not in the act of shooting: 2 free throws.
- If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting: the goal, if made, shall count and in addition 1 free throw.
- If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting and the goal is not made: 2 or 3 free throws.
- If the foul is a disqualification of a coach: 2 free throws.
- If the foul is a disqualification of an assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or an accompanying delegation member, this foul is charged against the coach as a technical foul: 2 free throws.

In addition, if a disqualification of an assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or an accompanying delegation member after leaving the team bench area is for their active participation during any fight:

- For each single disqualifying foul of an assistant coach, substitute and excluded player: 2 free throws. All disqualifying fouls shall be charged against each offender.

– For each single disqualifying foul of any accompanying delegation member: 2 free throws. All disqualifying fouls shall be charged against the coach. All free-throw penalties shall be executed, unless there are equal penalties against the opponent's team to be cancelled.

## Art. 39 Fighting

### 39.1 Definition

Fighting is physical interaction between 2 or more opponents (players, substitutes, coaches, assistant coaches, excluded players and accompanying delegation members).

This article only applies to the substitutes, coaches, assistant coaches, excluded players and accompanying delegation members who leave the confines of the team bench area during a fight or during any situation which may lead to a fight.

### 39.2 Rule

39.2.1 Substitutes, excluded players or accompanying delegation members who leave the team bench area during a fight, or during any situation which may lead to a fight, shall be disqualified.

39.2.2 Only the coach and/or assistant coach are permitted to leave the team bench area during a fight, or during any situation which may lead to a fight, to assist the officials to maintain or to restore order. In this situation, they shall not be disqualified.

39.2.3 If a coach and/or assistant coach leaves the team bench area and does not assist or attempt to assist the officials to maintain or to restore order, they shall be disqualified.

### 39.3 Penalty

39.3.1 Irrespective of the number of persons disqualified for leaving the team bench area, a single technical foul ('B') shall be charged against the coach.

39.3.2 If persons of both teams are disqualified under this article and there are no other foul penalties remaining for administration, the game shall be resumed as follows.

If at approximately the same time as the game was stopped because of the fighting:

- A valid field goal or a last free throw is scored, the ball shall be awarded to the non-scoring team for a throw-in from any place behind that team's endline.
- A team had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball, the ball shall be awarded to that team for a throw-in from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt.
- Neither team has control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball, a jump ball situation occurs.

39.3.3 All disqualifying fouls shall be recorded as described in B.8.3 and shall not count as a team foul.

39.3.4 All possible foul penalties against players on the playing court involved in a fight or any situation which leads to a fight, shall be dealt with in accordance with Art. 42.

39.3.5 All possible disqualification foul penalties against assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or an accompanying delegation member involved actively in a fight or any situation which leads to a fight, shall be penalised in accordance with Art. 38.3.4, sixth bullet.



## RULE SEVEN – GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Art. 40 5 fouls by a player

- 40.1 A player who has committed 5 fouls shall be informed by an official and must leave the game immediately. He shall be substituted within 30 seconds.
- 40.2 A foul by a player who has previously committed 5 fouls is considered as an excluded player's foul and it is charged and entered on the scoresheet against the coach ('B').

### Art. 41 Team fouls: Penalty

#### 41.1 Definition

- 41.1.1 A team foul is a personal, technical, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul committed by a player. A team is in the team foul penalty situation after it has committed 4 team fouls in a quarter.
- 41.1.2 All team fouls committed in an interval of play shall be considered as being committed in the following quarter or overtime.
- 41.1.3 All team fouls committed in each overtime shall be considered as being committed in the fourth quarter.

#### 41.2 Rule

- 41.2.1 When a team is in the team foul penalty situation, all following player personal fouls committed on a player not in the act of shooting shall be penalised by 2 free throws, instead of a throw-in. The player against whom the foul was committed shall attempt the free throws.
- 41.2.2 If a personal foul is committed by a player of the team in control of the live ball, or of the team entitled to the ball, such a foul shall be penalised by a throw-in for the opponents.

### Art. 42 Special situations

#### 42.1 Definition

In the same stopped-clock period which follows an infraction, special situations may arise when additional infraction(s) are committed.

#### 42.2 Procedure

- 42.2.1 All fouls shall be charged and all penalties identified.
- 42.2.2 The order in which all infractions occurred shall be determined.
- 42.2.3 All equal penalties against the teams and all double foul penalties shall be cancelled in the order in which they were called. Once the penalties have been recorded and cancelled they are considered as never having occurred.
- 42.2.4 If a technical foul is called, that penalty shall be administered first, regardless whether the order of the penalties has been determined or whether the administration of the penalties has been started.
- 42.2.5 The right to possession of the ball as part of the last penalty to be administered shall cancel any prior rights to possession of the ball.
- 42.2.6 Once the ball has become live on the first free throw or on a throw-in penalty, that penalty can no longer be used for cancelling any remaining penalties.



**42.2.7** All remaining penalties shall be administered in the order in which they were called.

**42.2.8** If, after the cancellation of equal penalties against both teams, there are no other penalties remaining for administration, the game shall be resumed as follows.

If at approximately the same time as the first infraction:

- A valid field goal or a last free throw is scored, the ball shall be awarded to the non-scoring team for a throw-in from any place behind that team's endline.
- A team had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball, the ball shall be awarded to this team for a throw-in from the place nearest to the first infraction.
- Neither team had control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball, a jump ball situation occurs.

## **Art. 43 Free throws**

### **43.1 Definition**

**43.1.1** A free throw is an opportunity given to a player to score 1 point, uncontested, from a position behind the free-throw line and inside the semi-circle.

**43.1.2** A set of free throws is defined as all free throws and possible following possession of the ball resulting from a single foul penalty.

### **43.2 Rule**

**43.2.1** When a personal, an unsportsmanlike or a disqualifying contact foul is called, the free throw(s) shall be awarded as follows:

- The player against whom the foul was committed shall attempt the free throw(s).
- If there is a request for him to be substituted, he must attempt the free throw(s) before leaving the game.
- If he must leave the game due to injury, having committed 5 fouls or having been disqualified, his substitute shall attempt the free throw(s). If no substitute is available, any team-mate as designated by his coach shall attempt the free throw(s).

**43.2.2** When a technical or a disqualifying non-contact foul is called, any member of the opponents' team as designated by his coach shall attempt the free throw(s).

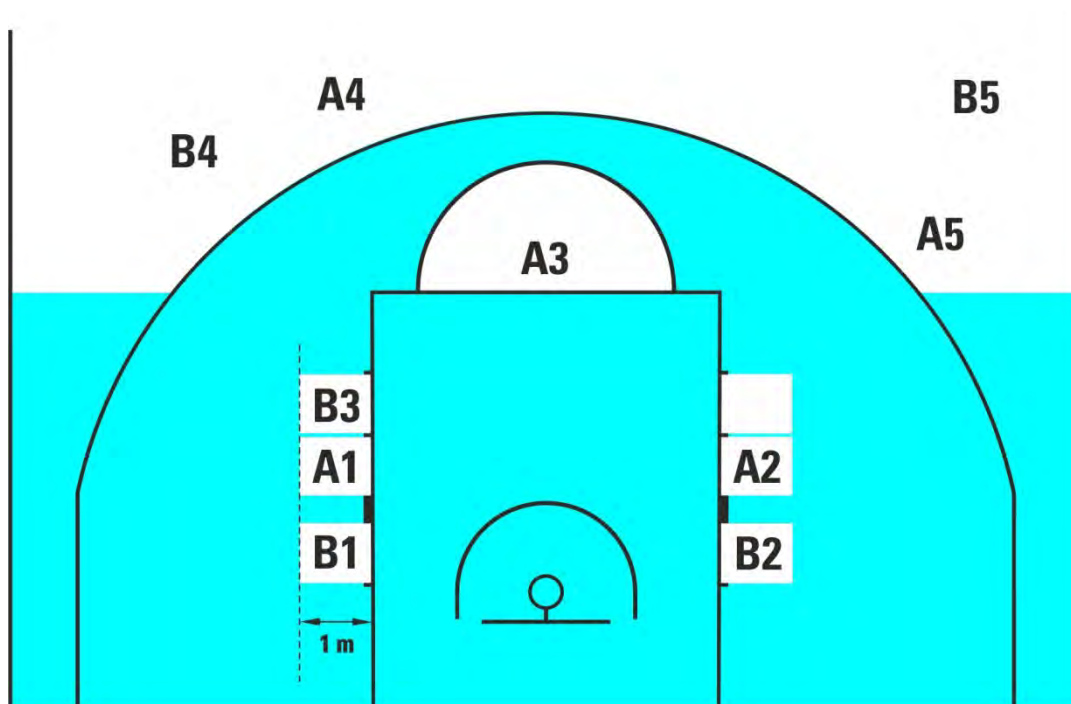
**43.2.3** The free-throw shooter shall:

- Take a position behind the free-throw line and inside the semi-circle.
- Use any method to shoot a free throw in such a way that the ball enters the basket from above or the ball touches the ring.
- Release the ball within 5 seconds after it is placed at his disposal by the official.
- Not touch the free-throw line or enter the restricted area until the ball has entered the basket or has touched the ring.
- Not fake a free throw.

**43.2.4** The players in the free-throw rebound places shall be entitled to occupy alternating positions in these spaces, which are considered to be 1 m in depth (Diagram 6).

During the free throws these players shall not:

- Occupy free-throw rebound places to which they are not entitled.
- Enter the restricted area, the neutral zone or leave the free-throw rebound place until the ball has left the hand(s) of the free-throw shooter.
- Distract the free-throw shooter by their actions.



**Diagram 6** Players' positions during free throws

- 43.2.5 Players not in the free-throw rebound places shall remain behind the free-throw line extended and behind the 3-point field goal line until the free throw ends.
- 43.2.6 During a free throw(s) to be followed by another set(s) of free throws or by a throw-in, all players shall remain behind the free-throw line extended and behind the 3-point field goal line.

An infraction of Art. 43.2.3, 43.2.4, 43.2.5 and 43.2.6 is a violation.

### 43.3 Penalty

- 43.3.1 If a **free throw is successful** and the violation(s) is committed by the free-throw shooter, the point shall not count.

The ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in from the free-throw line extended, unless there is a further free throw(s) or possession penalty to be administered.

- 43.3.2 If a **free throw is successful** and the violation(s) is committed by any player(s) other than the free-throw shooter:

- The point shall count.
- The violation(s) shall be disregarded.

In case of the last free throw, the ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in from any place behind that team's endline.

- 43.3.3 If a **free throw is not successful** and the violation is committed by:

- A **free-throw shooter** or his **team-mate** on the last free throw, the ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in from the free-throw line extended unless that team is entitled to further possession.
- An **opponent** of the free-throw shooter, a substitute free throw shall be awarded to the free-throw shooter.
- **Both teams**, on the last free throw, a jump ball situation occurs.

## **Art. 44 Correctable errors**

### **44.1 Definition**

Officials may correct an error if a rule is inadvertently disregarded in the following situations only:

- Awarding an unmerited free throw(s).
- Failure to award a merited free throw(s).
- Erroneous awarding or cancelling of a point(s).
- Permitting the wrong player to attempt a free throw(s).

### **44.2 General procedure**

44.2.1 To be correctable the above-mentioned errors must be recognized by the officials, commissioner, if present, or table officials before the ball becomes live following the first dead ball after the game clock has started following the error.

44.2.2 An official may stop the game immediately upon recognition of a correctable error, as long as neither team is placed at a disadvantage.

44.2.3 Any fouls committed, points scored, time used and additional activity which may have occurred after the error has occurred and before its recognition, shall remain valid.

44.2.4 After the correction of the error the game shall be resumed at the point it was stopped to correct the error, unless otherwise stated in **these** rules. The ball shall be awarded to the team entitled to the ball at the time the game was stopped for the correction of the error.

44.2.5 Once an error that is still correctable has been recognised, and:

- **The** player involved in the correction of the error is on the team bench after being legally substituted, he must re-enter the playing court to participate in the correction of the error, at which point he becomes a player.  
Upon completion of the correction, he may remain in the game unless a legal substitution has been requested again, in which case the player may leave the playing court.
- **The** player was substituted due to his injury, having committed 5 fouls or having been disqualified, his substitute must participate in the correction of the error.

44.2.6 Correctable errors cannot be corrected after the crew chief has signed the score-sheet.

44.2.7 An error in scorekeeping, time-keeping or shot clock operations involving the score, number of fouls, number of time-outs, game clock and shot clock time consumed or omitted, may be corrected by the officials at any time before the crew chief **has signed** the scoresheet.

### **44.3 Special procedure**

44.3.1 Awarding an unmerited free throw(s).

The free throw(s) attempted as a result of the error shall be cancelled and the game shall be resumed as follows:

- If the game clock has not started, the ball shall be awarded for a throw-in **from** the free-throw line extended to the team whose free throws had been cancelled.

- If the game clock has started and:
  - The team in control of the ball or entitled to the ball at the time the error is recognised is the same team that was in control of the ball at the time the error occurred, or
  - Neither team is in control of the ball at the time the error is recognised, the ball shall be awarded to the team entitled to the ball at the time of the error.
- If the game clock has started and, at the time the error is recognised, the team in control of the ball or entitled to the ball is the opponent of the team that was in control of the ball at the time of the error, a jump ball situation occurs.
- If the game clock has started and, at the time the error is recognised, a foul penalty involving a free throw(s) has been awarded, the free throw(s) shall be administered and the ball shall be awarded for a throw-in to the team that was in control of the ball at the time the error occurred.

#### 44.3.2 Failure to award a merited free throw(s).

- If there has been no change in possession of the ball after the error occurred, the game shall be resumed after correction of the error as after any normal free throw.
- If the same team scores after having been erroneously awarded possession of the ball for a throw-in, the error shall be disregarded.

#### 44.3.3 Permitting the wrong player to attempt a free throw(s).

The free throw(s) attempted, and the possession of the ball if part of the penalty, shall be cancelled and the ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in from the free-throw line extended, unless penalties for further infractions are to be administered.

## RULE EIGHT – OFFICIALS, TABLE OFFICIALS, COMMISSIONER: DUTIES AND POWERS

### Art. 45 Officials, table officials and commissioner

- 45.1 The **officials** shall be a crew chief and 1 or 2 umpire(s). They shall be assisted by the table officials and by a commissioner, if present.
- 45.2 The **table officials** shall be a scorer, an assistant scorer, a timer and a shot clock operator.
- 45.3 The **commissioner** shall sit between the scorer and the timer. His primary duty during the game is to supervise the work of the table officials and to assist the crew chief and umpire(s) in the smooth functioning of the game.
- 45.4 The officials of a given game should not be connected in any way with either team on the playing court.
- 45.5 **The officials, the table officials and the commissioner shall conduct the game in accordance with these rules and have no authority to change them.**
- 45.6 The officials' uniform shall consist of an officials' shirt, long black trousers, black socks and black basketball shoes.
- 45.7 The officials and table officials shall be uniformly dressed.

### Art. 46 Crew chief: Duties and powers

The crew chief shall:

- 46.1 Inspect and approve all equipment to be used during the game.
- 46.2 Designate the official game clock, shot clock, stopwatch and recognise the table officials.
- 46.3 Select a game ball from at least 2 used balls provided by the home team. Should neither of these balls be suitable as the game ball, he may select the best quality ball available.
- 46.4 Not permit any player to wear objects that may cause injury to other players.
- 46.5 Administer a jump ball to begin the first **quarter** and an alternating possession throw-in to begin all other **quarters and overtimes**.
- 46.6 Have the power to stop a game when conditions warrant it.
- 46.7 Have the power to determine that a team shall forfeit the game.
- 46.8 Carefully examine the scoresheet at the end of playing time or at any time he feels is necessary.
- 46.9 Approve and sign the scoresheet at the end of playing time, **terminating** the officials' administration and **connection** with the game. The officials' **power** shall **begin** when they arrive on the playing court 20 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin, and **end** when the game clock signal sounds for the end of the game as approved by the officials.

- 46.10 Record on the reverse side of the scoresheet, in the dressing room before signing the scoresheet:
- Any forfeit or disqualifying foul,
  - Any unsportsmanlike behaviour by **team members, coaches, assistant coaches and accompanying delegation members** that occurs prior to the 20 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin, or between the end of the game and the approval and signing of the scoresheet.
- In such a case, the crew chief (commissioner, if present) must send a detailed report to the organising body of the competition.
- 46.11 Make the final decision whenever necessary or when the officials disagree. To make a final decision he may consult the umpire(s), the commissioner, if present, and/or the table officials.
- 46.12 Be authorised to approve before the game and use, if available, an **Instant Replay System (IRS)** to decide before he signs the scoresheet:
- **At the end of the quarter or overtime,**
    - whether a shot for a successful field goal was released before the game clock signal sounded for the end of the **quarter or overtime.**
    - whether and how much time shall be displayed on the game clock, if:
      - An out-of-bounds violation of the shooter occurred.
      - A shot clock violation occurred.
      - An 8-second violation occurred.
      - A foul was committed before the end of the **quarter or overtime.**
  - **When** the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth **quarter** and in each **overtime,**
    - whether a shot for a successful field goal was released before the shot clock signal sounded.
    - whether a shot for a field goal was released before any foul was committed.
    - **whether a goaltending or basket interference violation was called correctly.**
    - to identify the player who has caused the ball to go out-of-bounds.
  - **During** any time of the game,
    - whether the successful field goal shall count for 2 or 3 points.
    - **whether 2 or 3 free throws shall be awarded, after a foul was called on a shooter for an unsuccessful field goal.**
    - **whether a personal, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul met the criteria for such a foul or shall be upgraded or downgraded or shall be considered as a technical foul.**
    - after a malfunction of the game clock or the shot clock occurs, on how much time the clock(s) shall be corrected.
    - to identify the correct free-throw shooter.
    - **to identify the involvement of team members, coaches, assistant coaches and accompanying delegation members during any act of violence.**
- 46.13 After being notified by the timer, shall blow his whistle before the first and third quarter when 3 minutes and 1.5 minutes remain until the beginning of the quarter. The crew chief shall also blow his whistle before the second and fourth quarter and each overtime when **30 seconds** remain until the beginning of the quarter and overtime.
- 46.14 **Have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered by these rules.**

## **Art. 47 Officials: Duties and powers**

- 47.1 The officials shall have the power to make decisions on infractions of the rules committed either within or outside the boundary line including the scorer's table, the team benches and the areas immediately behind the lines.
- 47.2 The officials shall blow their whistles when an infraction of the rules occurs, a **quarter or overtime** ends or the officials find it necessary to stop the game. The officials shall not blow their whistles after a successful field goal, a successful free throw or when the ball becomes live.
- 47.3 When deciding on a personal contact or violation, the officials shall, in each instance, have regard to and weigh up the following fundamental principles:
- The spirit and intent of the rules and the need to uphold the integrity of the game.
  - Consistency in application of the concept of 'advantage/disadvantage'. The officials should not seek to interrupt the flow of the game unnecessarily in order to penalise incidental personal contact which does not give the player responsible an advantage nor place his opponent at a disadvantage.
  - Consistency in the application of common sense to each game, bearing in mind the abilities of the players concerned and their attitude and conduct during the game.
  - Consistency in the maintenance of a balance between game control and game flow, having a 'feeling' for what the participants are trying to do and calling what is right for the game.
- 47.4 Should a protest be filed by one of the teams, the crew chief (commissioner, if present) shall, upon receipt of the protest reasons, report in writing the incident to the organising body of the competition.
- 47.5 If an official is injured or for any other reason cannot continue to perform his duties within 5 minutes of the incident, the game shall be resumed. The remaining official(s) shall officiate alone for the remainder of the game, unless there is the possibility of replacing the injured official with a qualified substitute official. After consulting with the commissioner, if present, the remaining official(s) shall decide upon the possible replacement.
- 47.6 For all international games, if verbal communication is necessary to make a decision clear, it shall be conducted in the English language.
- 47.7 **Each official has the power to make decisions within the limits of his duties, but he has no authority to disregard or question decisions made by the other official(s).**
- 47.8 **The implementation and interpretation of the Official Basketball Rules by the officials, regardless if an explicit decision was made or not, is final and cannot be contested or disregarded, except in cases where a protest is allowed (see Annex C).**



## Art. 48 Scorer and assistant scorer: Duties

- 48.1 The **scorer** shall be provided with a scoresheet and shall keep a record of:
- Teams, by entering the names and numbers of the players who are to begin the game and of all substitutes who enter the game. When there is an infraction of the rules regarding the 5 players to begin the game, substitutions or numbers of players, he shall notify the nearest official as soon as possible.
  - Running summary of points scored, by entering the field goals and the free throws made.
  - Fouls charged against each player. The scorer must notify an official immediately when 5 fouls are charged against any player. He shall record the fouls charged against each coach and must notify an official immediately when a coach should be disqualified. Similarly, he must notify an official immediately **that** a player **should be disqualified, if he** has committed 2 technical fouls, or 2 unsportsmanlike fouls, or 1 technical and 1 unsportsmanlike foul.
  - Time-outs. He must notify the officials of the time-out opportunity when a team has requested a time-out and notify the coach through an official when the coach has no more time-out(s) left in a half or **overtime**.
  - The next alternating possession, by operating the alternating possession arrow. The scorer shall reverse the direction of the alternating possession arrow immediately after the end of the first half as the teams shall exchange baskets for the second half.
- 48.2 The **scorer** shall also:
- Indicate the number of fouls committed by each player by raising, in a manner visible to both coaches, the marker with the number of fouls committed by that player.
  - Position the team foul marker on the scorer's table, at the end nearest to the bench of the team in the team foul penalty situation, when the ball becomes live **after** the fourth team foul in a **quarter**.
  - Effect substitutions.
  - Sound his signal only when the ball becomes dead and before the ball becomes live again. The sound of his signal does not stop the game clock or the game nor cause the ball to become dead.
- 48.3 The **assistant scorer** shall operate the scoreboard and assist the scorer. In the case of any discrepancy between the scoreboard and the scoresheet which cannot be resolved, the scoresheet shall take precedence and the scoreboard shall be corrected accordingly.
- 48.4 If a scorekeeping error is recognised on the scoresheet:
- During the game, the scorer must wait for the first dead ball before sounding his signal.
  - After the end of the playing time and before the scoresheet has been signed by the crew chief, the error shall be corrected, even if this correction influences the final result of the game.
  - After the scoresheet has been signed by the crew chief, the error may no longer be corrected. The crew chief or the commissioner, if present, shall send a detailed report to the organising body of the competition.



## Art. 49 Timer: Duties

- 49.1 The timer shall be provided with a game clock and a stopwatch and shall:
- Measure playing time, time-outs and intervals of play.
  - Ensure that the game clock signal sounds very loudly and automatically at the end of a **quarter or overtime**.
  - Use any means possible to notify the officials immediately if his signal fails to sound or is not heard.
- 49.2 The timer shall measure **playing time** as follows:
- Starting the game clock when:
    - During a jump ball, the ball is legally tapped by a jumper.
    - After an unsuccessful last **free throw** and the ball continues to be live, the ball touches or is touched by a player on the playing court.
    - During a throw-in, the ball touches or is legally touched by a player on the playing court.
  - Stopping the game clock when:
    - Time expires at the end of a **quarter and overtime**, if not stopped automatically by the game clock itself.
    - An official blows his whistle while the ball is live.
    - A field goal is scored against a team which has requested a time-out.
    - A field goal is scored when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth **quarter** and in each **overtime**.
    - The shot clock signal sounds while a team is in control of the ball.
- 49.3 The timer shall measure a **time-out** as follows:
- Starting the stopwatch immediately when the official blows his whistle and gives the time-out signal.
  - Sounding his signal when 50 seconds of the time-out have elapsed.
  - Sounding his signal when the time-out has ended.
- 49.4 The timer shall measure an **interval of play** as follows:
- Starting the stopwatch immediately when a previous **quarter or overtime** has ended.
  - **Notifying** the officials before the first and third **quarter** when 3 minutes and 1.5 minutes remain until the beginning of the **quarter**.
  - Sounding his signal before the second **and** fourth **quarter** and each **overtime** when 30 seconds remain until the beginning of the **quarter or overtime**.
  - Sounding his signal and simultaneously stopping the stopwatch immediately when an interval of play has ended.

## Art. 50 Shot clock operator: Duties

The shot clock operator shall be provided with a shot clock which shall be:

- 50.1 **Started or restarted** when:
- On the playing court a team gains control of a live ball. After that, the mere touching of the ball by an opponent does not start a new shot clock period if the same team remains in control of the ball.
  - On a throw-in, the ball touches or is legally touched by any player on the playing court.

50.2 **Stopped, but not reset**, with the remaining time visible, when the same team that previously had control of the ball is awarded a throw-in as a result of:

- A ball having gone out-of-bounds.
- A player of the same team having been injured.
- A technical foul committed by that team.
- A jump ball situation.
- A double foul.
- A cancellation of equal penalties against both teams.

Stopped, but also not reset, with the remaining time visible, when the same team that previously had control of the ball is awarded a frontcourt throw-in and 14 or more seconds are displayed on the shot clock as a result of a foul or violation.

50.3 **Stopped and reset to 24 seconds**, with no display visible, when:

- The ball legally enters the basket.
- The ball touches the ring of the opponent's basket and it is controlled by the team that was not in control of the ball before it has touched the ring.
- The team is awarded a backcourt throw-in:
  - As the result of a foul or violation (not for the ball having gone out-of-bounds).
  - As the result of a jump ball situation for the team not previously in control of the ball.
  - The game is stopped because of an action not connected with the team in control of the ball.
  - The game is stopped because of an action not connected with either team, unless the opponents would be placed at a disadvantage.
- The team is awarded free throw(s).

50.4 **Stopped and reset to 14 seconds**, with 14 seconds visible, when:

- The same team that previously had control of the ball is awarded a frontcourt throw-in and 13 seconds or less are displayed on the shot clock:
  - As the result of a foul or violation (not for the ball having gone out-of-bounds).
  - The game being stopped because of an action not connected with the team in control of the ball.
  - The game being stopped because of an action not connected with either team, unless the opponents would be placed at a disadvantage.
- The team that previously did not have the control of the ball shall be awarded a frontcourt throw-in as a result of a:
  - Personal foul or violation (including for the ball having gone out-of-bounds),
  - Jump ball situation.
- A team shall be awarded a throw-in from the throw-in line in its frontcourt as a result of an unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul.
- After the ball has touched the ring on an unsuccessful shot for a field goal, a last free throw, or on a pass, if the team which regains control of the ball is the same team that was in control of the ball before the ball touched the ring.
- The game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth quarter or in each overtime following a time-out taken by the team that is entitled to the possession of

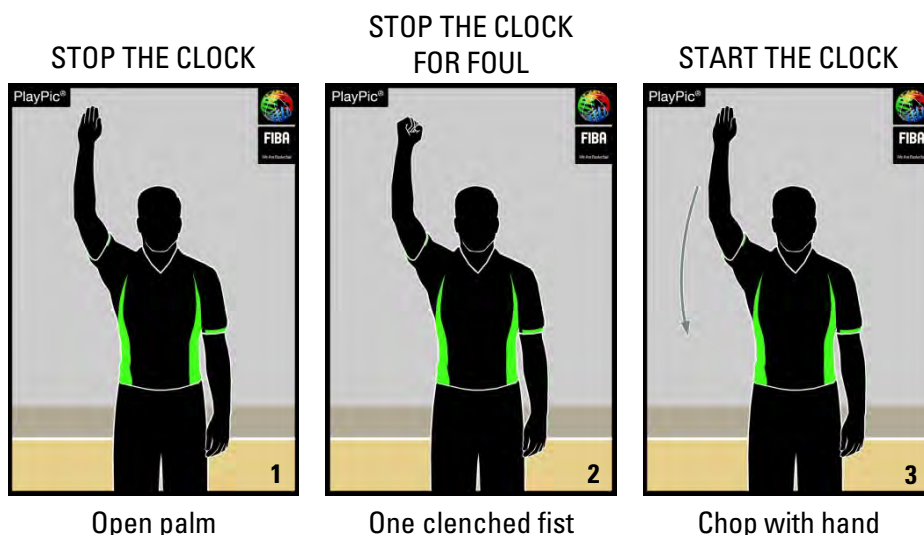
the ball from its backcourt and the coach decides that the game shall be resumed with a throw-in for his team from the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt and 14 seconds or more are displayed on the shot clock at the time when the game clock was stopped.

- 50.5** **Switched off**, after the ball becomes dead and the game clock has been stopped in any quarter or overtime when there is a new control of the ball for either team and there are fewer than 14 seconds on the game clock.  
The shot clock signal does not stop the game clock or the game, nor causes the ball to become dead, unless a team is in a control of the ball.

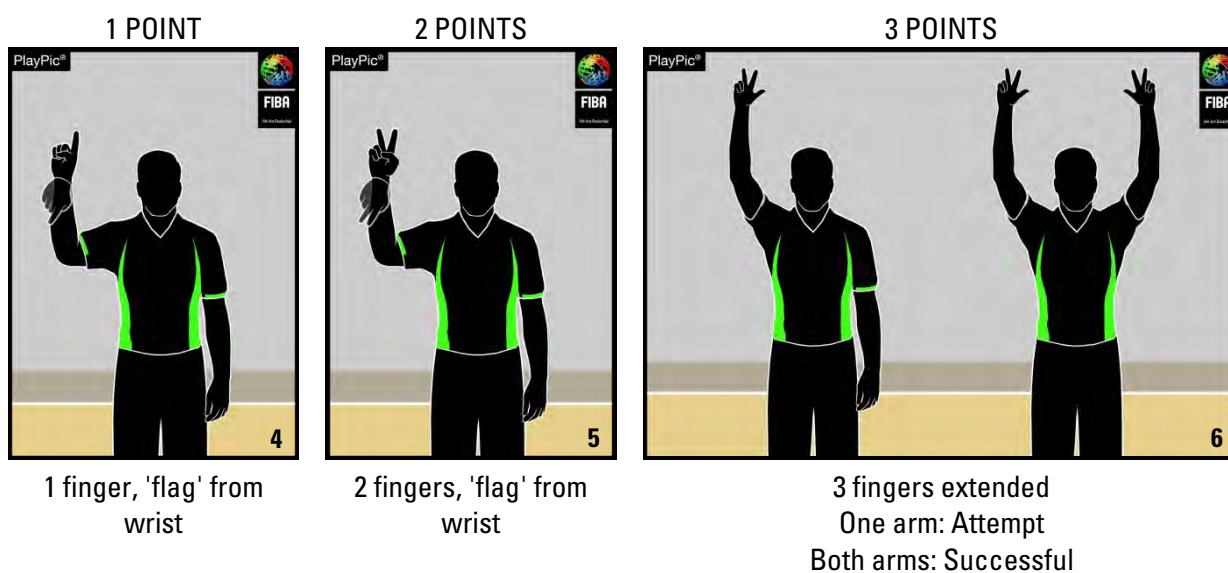
## A – OFFICIALS' SIGNALS

- A.1 The hand signals illustrated in these rules are the only valid official signals.
- A.2 While reporting to the scorer's table it is strongly recommended to verbally support the communication (in international games in the English language).
- A.3 It is important that the table officials are familiar with these signals.

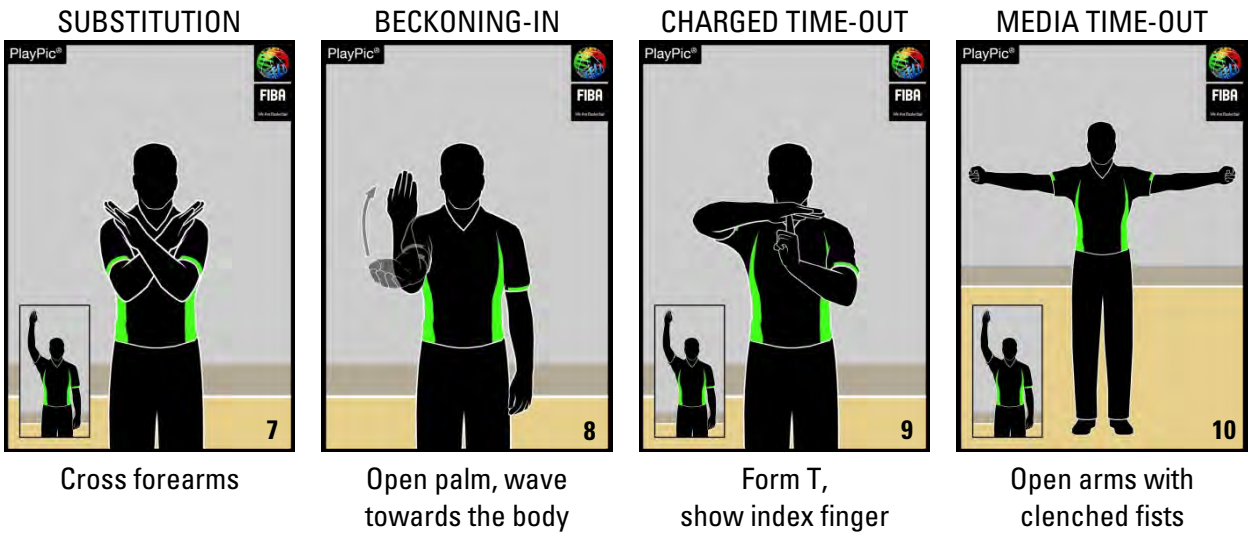
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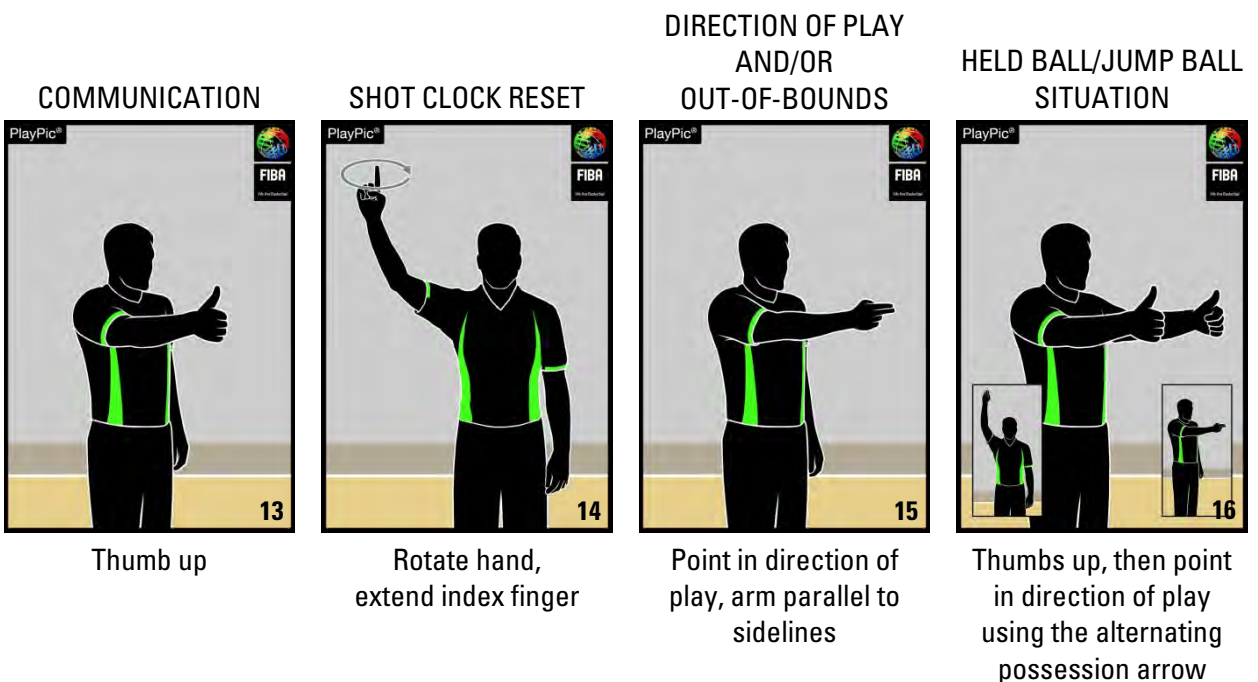
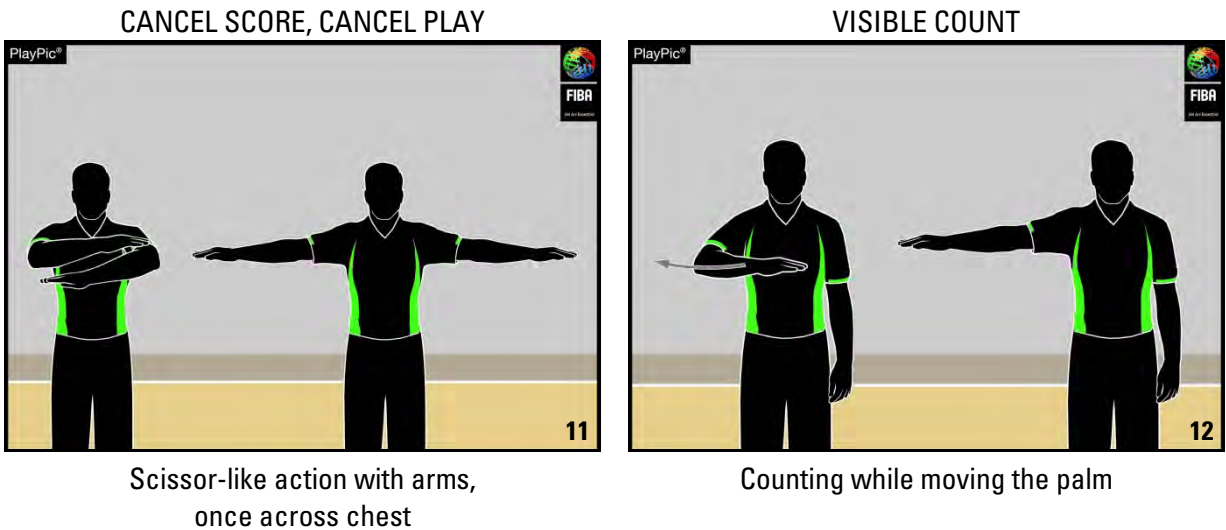
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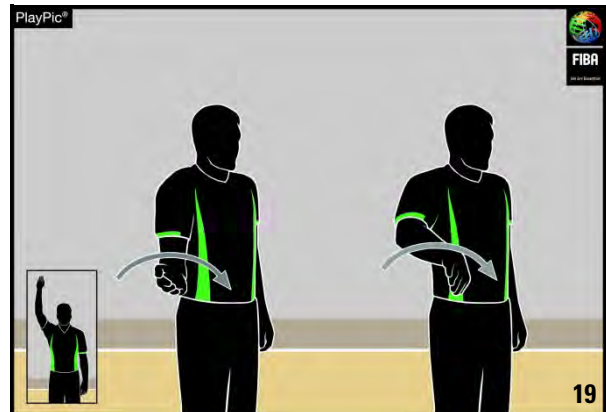
Rotate fists

### ILLEGAL DRIBBLE: DOUBLE DRIBBLING



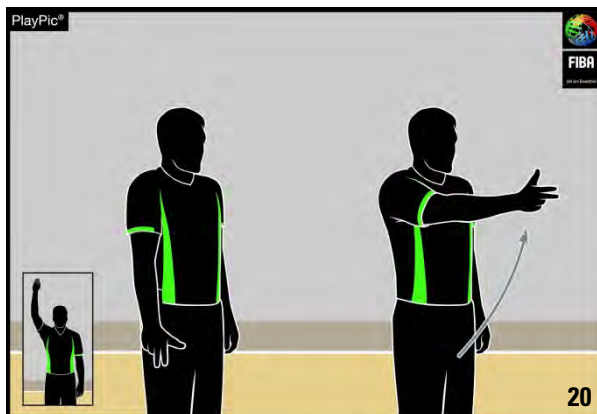
Patting motion with palm

### ILLEGAL DRIBBLE: CARRYING THE BALL



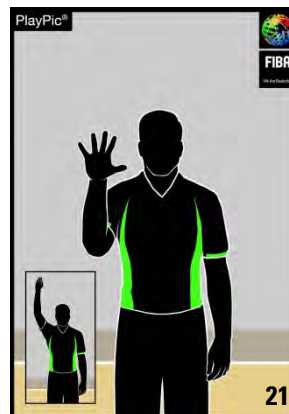
Half rotation with palm

### 3 SECONDS



Arm extended,  
show 3 fingers

### 5 SECONDS



Show 5 fingers

### 8 SECONDS



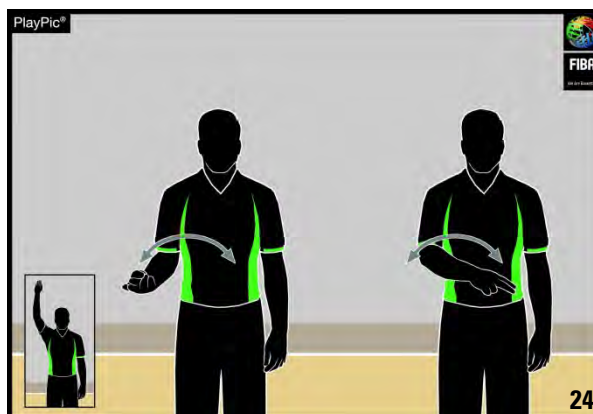
Show 8 fingers

### 24 SECONDS



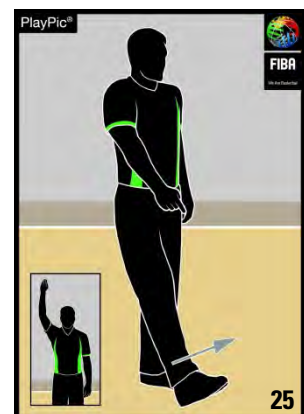
Fingers touch shoulder

### BALL RETURNED TO BACKCOURT



Wave arm front of body

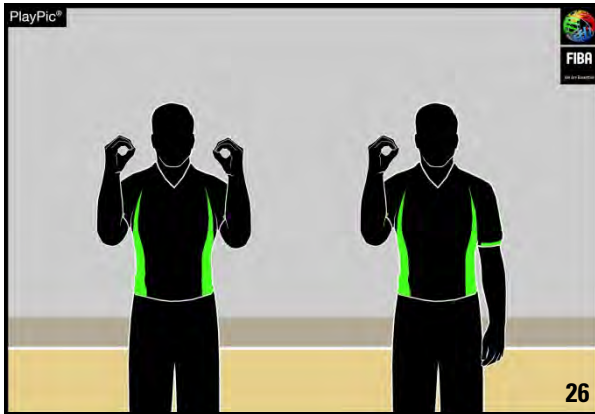
### DELIBERATE KICK OR BLOCK OF THE BALL



Point to the foot

## Number of Players

No. 00 and 0



Both hands show  
number 0

Right hand shows  
number 0

No. 1 - 5



Right hand shows  
number 1 to 5

No. 6 - 10



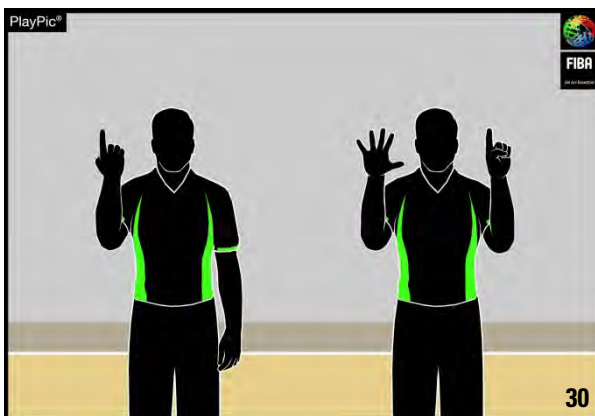
Right hand shows  
number 5,  
left hand shows  
number 1 to 5

No. 11 - 15



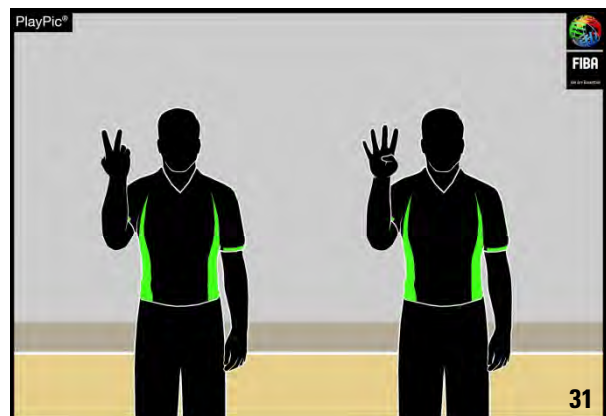
Right hand shows  
clenched fist,  
left hand shows  
number 1 to 5

No. 16



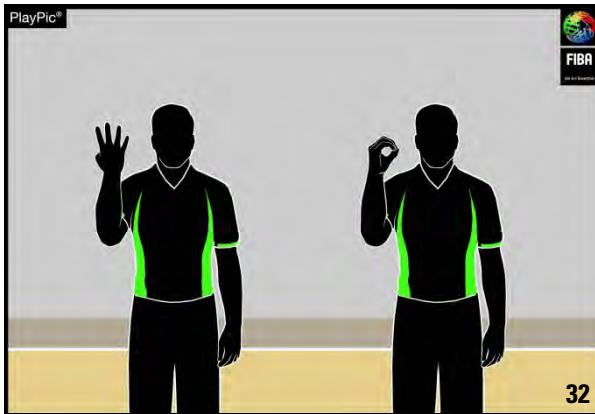
First reverse hand shows number 1 for the  
decade digit - then open hands show number 6  
for the units digit

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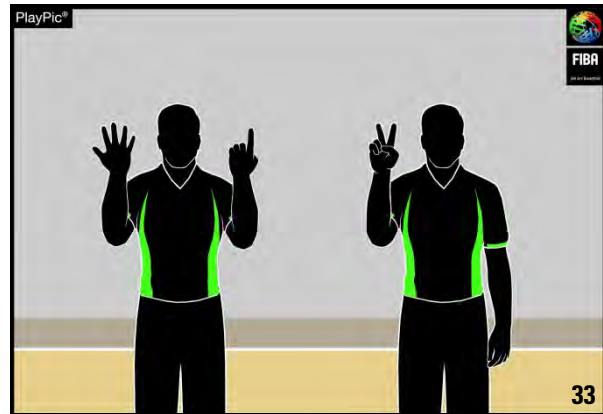
First reverse hand shows number 2 for the  
decade digit - then open hand shows number 4  
for the units digit

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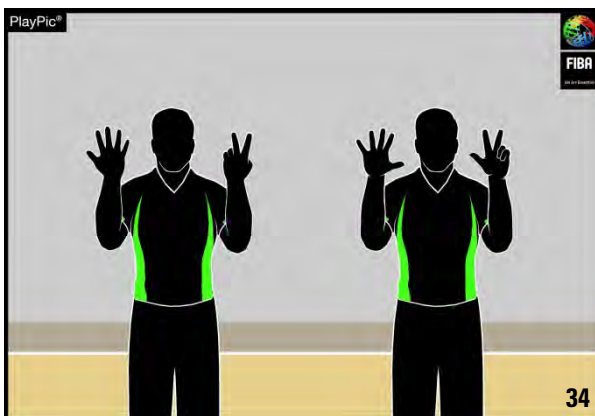
First reverse hand shows number 4 for the decade digit - then open hand shows 0 for the units digit

No. 62



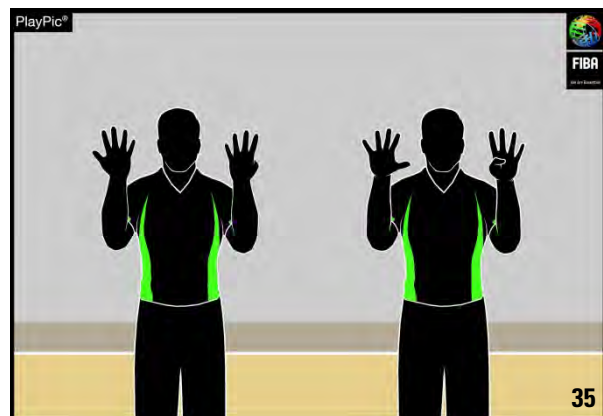
First reverse hands show number 6 for the decade digit - then open hand shows 2 for the units digit

No. 78



First reverse hands show number 7 for the decade digit - then open hands show number 8 for the units digit

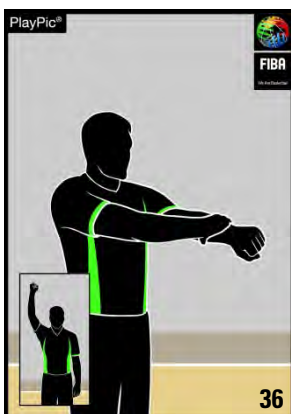
No. 99



First reverse hands show number 9 for the decade digit - then open hands show number 9 for the units digit

## Type of Fouls

### HOLDING



Grasp wrist downward

### BLOCKING (DEFENSE), ILLEGAL SCREEN (OFFENSE)



Both hands on hips

### PUSHING OR CHARGING WITHOUT THE BALL



Imitate push

### HANDCHECKING



Grab palm and forward motion

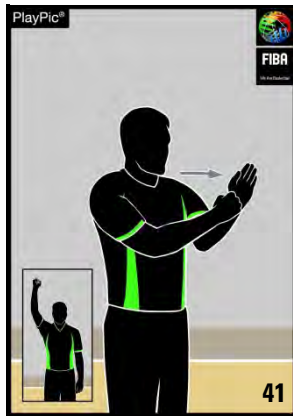


**ILLEGAL USE OF HANDS**



Strike wrist

**CHARGING WITH THE BALL**



Clenched fist strike open palm

**ILLEGAL CONTACT TO THE HAND**



Strike the palm towards the other forearm

**HOOKING**



Move lower arm backwards

**EXCESSIVE SWINGING OF ELBOW**



Swing elbow backwards

**HIT TO THE HEAD**



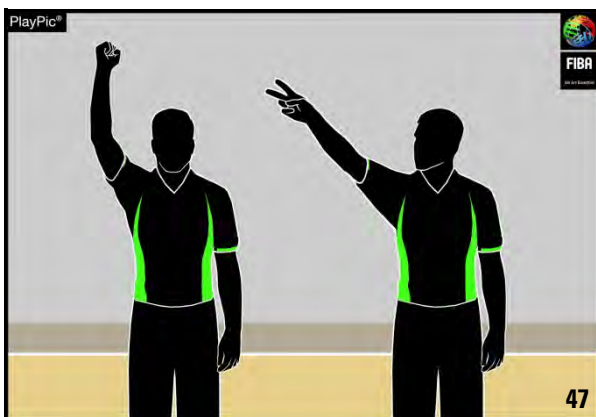
Imitate the contact to the head

**FOUL BY TEAM IN CONTROL OF THE BALL**



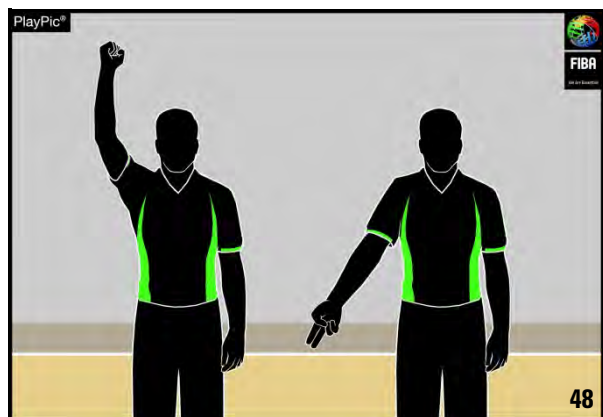
Point clenched fist towards basket of offending team

**FOUL ON THE ACT OF SHOOTING**



One arm with clenched fist, followed by indication of the number of free throws

**FOUL NOT ON THE ACT OF SHOOTING**



One arm with clenched fist, followed by pointing to the floor

## Special Fouls

### DOUBLE FOUL



Wave clenched fists on both hands

### TECHNICAL FOUL



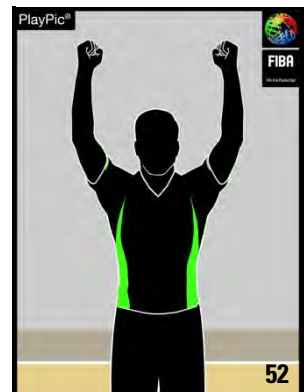
Form T, showing palms

### UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOUL



Grasp wrist upward

### DISQUALIFYING FOUL



Clenched fists on both hands

### FAKE A FOUL



Raise the lower arm twice

### ILLEGAL BOUNDARY LINE CROSSING ON A THROW-IN



Wave arm parallel to boundary line (in last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter and overtime)

### IRS REVIEW



Rotate hand with horizontal extended index finger

## Foul Penalty Administration Reporting to Table

### AFTER FOUL WITHOUT FREE THROW(S)



Point in direction of play, arm parallel to sidelines

### AFTER FOUL BY TEAM IN CONTROL OF THE BALL



Clenched fist in direction of play, arm parallel to sidelines

1 FREE THROW



Hold up 1 finger

2 FREE THROWS



Hold up 2 fingers

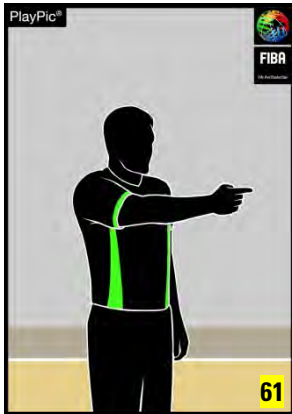
3 FREE THROWS



Hold up 3 fingers

**Administrating Free Throws – Active Official (Lead)**

1 FREE THROW



1 finger horizontal

2 FREE THROWS



2 fingers horizontal

3 FREE THROWS



3 fingers horizontal

**Administrating Free Throws – Passive Official (Trail & Centre)**

1 FREE THROW



Index finger

2 FREE THROWS



Fingers together on both hands

3 FREE THROWS



3 fingers extended on both hands

**Diagram 7 Officials' signals**



# B - THE SCORESHEET



## FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE BASKETBALL INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL FEDERATION SCORESHEET

Team A _____				Team B _____																																											
Competition _____		Date _____		Time _____		Crew chief _____																																									
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Crew Chief _____				Overtimes      A _____      B _____																																											
Umpire 1 _____      Umpire 2 _____				Final Score      Team A _____      Team B _____																																											
Captain's signature in case of protest _____				Name of winning team _____																																											
				Game ended at (hh:mm) _____																																											

RUNNING SCORE							
A		B		A		B	
1	1		41	41		81	81
2	2		42	42		82	82
3	3		43	43		83	83
4	4		44	44		84	84
5	5		45	45		85	85
6	6		46	46		86	86
7	7		47	47		87	87
8	8		48	48		88	88
9	9		49	49		89	89
10	10		50	50		90	90
11	11		51	51		91	91
12	12		52	52		92	92
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15	15		55	55		95	95
16	16		56	56		96	96
17	17		57	57		97	97
18	18		58	58		98	98
19	19		59	59		99	99
20	20		60	60		100	100
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27	27		67	67		107	107
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29	29		69	69		109	109
30	30		70	70		110	110
31	31		71	71		111	111
32	32		72	72		112	112
33	33		73	73		113	113
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36	36		76	76		116	116
37	37		77	77		117	117
38	38		78	78		118	118
39	39		79	79		119	119
40	40		80	80		120	120

Diagram 8      Scoresheet

**B.1** The scoresheet shown in Diagram 8 is the one approved by the FIBA Technical Commission.

**B.2** It consists of 1 original and 3 copies, each **to be of different coloured** paper. The original, on white paper, is for FIBA. The first copy, on blue paper, is for the organising body of the competition, the second copy, on pink paper, is for the winning team, and the last copy, on yellow paper, is for the losing team.

**Note:** 1. The scorer shall use 2 different **coloured pens**, RED for the first and third **quarter** and BLUE or BLACK for the second and fourth **quarter**. For all **overtimes**, all records shall be made in BLUE or BLACK (same colour as for the second and fourth **quarter**).

2. The scoresheet may be prepared and completed electronically.

**B.3** **At least 40 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin**, the scorer shall prepare the scoresheet in the following manner:

**B.3.1** He shall enter the names of the 2 teams in the space at the top of the scoresheet. The **team 'A'** shall always be the local (home) team or for tournaments or games on a neutral playing court, the first team named in the schedule. The other team shall be **team 'B'**.

**B.3.2** He shall then enter:

- The name of the competition.
- The number of the game.
- The date, the time and the place of the game.
- The names of the crew chief and the umpire(s) and their nationality (IOC code).

 		<b>FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE BASKETBALL</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL FEDERATION</b> <b>SCORESHEET</b>			
Team A	<b>HOOPERS</b>	Team B	<b>POINTERS</b>		
Competition	WCM	Date	22. 11. 2017	Time	20:00
Crew chief	WALTON, M. (USA)				
Game No.	5	Place	GENEVA	Umpire 1	CHANG, Y. (CHN)
				Umpire 2	BARTOK, K. (HUN)

**Diagram 9 Top of the scoresheet**

**B.3.3** Team 'A' shall occupy the upper part of the scoresheet, team 'B' the lower part.

**B.3.3.1** In the first column, the scorer shall enter the number (last 3 digits) of each **player, coach and assistant coach** licence. For tournaments, the number of the **licences** shall only be indicated for the first game played by **the teams**.

**B.3.3.2** In the second column, the scorer shall enter each player's name and initials in the order of the shirt numbers, all in BLOCK CAPITAL letters, using the list of team members as provided by the coach or his representative. The captain of the team shall be indicated by entering (CAP) immediately after his name.

**B.3.3.3** If a team presents fewer than 12 players, the scorer shall draw a line through the spaces for the player's licence number, name, number, player in, in the line below the last entered player. If there are less than 11 players, the horizontal line shall be drawn horizontally until reaching the player fouls section and continue diagonally down to the bottom.

Licence no.	Players		No.	Player in	Fouls				
					1	2	3	4	5
001	MAYER,	F.	5						
002	JONES,	M.	8						
003	SMITH,	E.	9						
004	FRANK,	Y.	12						
010	NANCE,	L.	18						
012	KING,	H. (CAP)	22						
014	WONG,	P.	24						
015	RUSH,	S.	25						
021	MARTINEZ,	M.	33						
022	SANCHES,	N.	42						
Coach	788	LOOR, A.							
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.							

**Diagram 10 Teams on the scoresheet (before the game)**

B.3.4 At the bottom of each team's section, the scorer shall enter (in BLOCK CAPITAL letters) the names of the team's coach and assistant coach.

**B.4 At least 10 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin** each coach shall:

B.4.1 Confirm his agreement with the names and the corresponding numbers of his team members.

B.4.2 Confirm the names of the coach and assistant coach. If there is no coach and no assistant coach, the captain shall act as player coach and shall be entered with a (CAP) behind his name.

Coach	607	KING, H. (CAP)				
Assistant Coach						

B.4.3 Indicate the 5 players to begin the game by marking a small 'x' beside the player's number in the 'Player in' column.

B.4.4 Sign the scoresheet.

The coach of team 'A' shall be the first to provide the above information.


**B.5 At the beginning of the game,** the scorer shall circle the small 'x' of the 5 players in each team to begin the game.

**B.6 During the game,** the scorer shall draw a small 'x' (not circled) in the 'Player in' column when the substitute enters the game for the first time as a player.

**B.7 Time-outs**

B.7.1 Time-outs granted shall be recorded on the scoresheet by entering the minute of the playing time of the quarter or overtime in the appropriate boxes below the team's name.

B.7.2 At the end of each half and overtime, unused boxes shall be marked with 2 horizontal parallel lines. Should the team not be granted its first time-out before the game clock shows 2:00 minutes in the fourth quarter, the scorer shall mark 2 horizontal lines in the first box for the team's second half.

Time-outs		Team fouls						
7	Quarter ①	⊗⊗⊗⊗	② ⊗⊗⊗⊗					
9 10	Quarter ③	⊗⊗⊗⊗	④ ⊗⊗⊗⊗					
	Overtimes							
Licence no.	Players	No.	Player in	Fouls				
001	MAYER, F.	5	⊗ P <sub>2</sub>					
002	JONES, M.	8	⊗ P	P	P <sub>2</sub>			
003	SMITH, E.	9	⊗ P <sub>2</sub>	U <sub>2</sub>	P	P <sub>1</sub>		
004	FRANK, Y.	12	× T <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>2</sub>	GD			
010	NANCE, L.	18	⊗ P	P	U <sub>1</sub>			
012	KING, H. (CAP)	22	⊗ P <sub>1</sub>	P				
014	WONG, P.	24						
015	RUSH, S.	25	× P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>				
021	MARTINEZ, M.	33	× T <sub>1</sub>	P	P <sub>2</sub>	T <sub>1</sub>	GD	
022	SANCHES, N.	42	× P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	U <sub>2</sub>	P	U <sub>2</sub>	GD
024	MANOS, K.	55	× P <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>				
Coach	788	LOOR, A.			C <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>1</sub>		
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.						

**Diagram 11** Teams on the scoresheet (after the game)

## B.8 Fouls

- B.8.1 Player fouls may be personal, technical, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying and shall be recorded against the player.
- B.8.2 Fouls committed by **coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members** may be technical or disqualifying and shall be recorded against the coach.
- B.8.3 All fouls shall be recorded as follows:
- B.8.3.1 A personal foul shall be indicated by entering a 'P'.
- B.8.3.2 A technical foul against a player shall be indicated by entering a 'T'. A second technical foul shall also be indicated by entering a 'T', followed by a 'GD' for the game disqualification in the following space.
- B.8.3.3 A technical foul against the coach for his personal unsportsmanlike behaviour shall be indicated by entering a 'C'. A second similar technical foul shall also be indicated by entering a 'C', followed by a 'GD' in the following space.
- B.8.3.4 A technical foul against the coach for any other reason shall be indicated by entering a 'B'. A third technical foul (one of them could be a 'C') shall be indicated by entering a 'B' or 'C', followed by a 'GD' in the following space.
- B.8.3.5 An unsportsmanlike foul against a player shall be indicated by entering an 'U'. A second unsportsmanlike foul shall also be indicated by entering an 'U', followed by a 'GD' in the next following space.
- B.8.3.6 A technical foul against a player with an earlier unsportsmanlike foul or an unsportsmanlike foul against a player with an earlier technical foul shall also be indicated by entering an 'U' or 'T' followed by a 'GD' in the next following space.



- B.8.3.7 A disqualifying foul shall be indicated by entering a 'D'.
- B.8.3.8 Any foul involving a free throw(s) shall be indicated by adding the corresponding number of free throws (1, 2 or 3) beside the 'P', 'T', 'C', 'B', 'U' or 'D'.
- B.8.3.9 All fouls against both teams involving penalties of the same severity and cancelled according to Art. 42 shall be indicated by adding a small 'c' beside the 'P', 'T', 'C', 'B', 'U' or 'D'.
- B.8.3.10 A disqualifying foul against an assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or an accompanying delegation member, including for leaving the team bench area in a **fight** situation, shall be indicated as a technical foul against the coach by entering a 'B<sub>2</sub>'.
- B.8.3.11 At the end of the second **quarter** and at the end of the game, the scorer shall draw a thick line between the spaces that have been used and those that have not been used.  
At the end of the game, the scorer shall obliterate the remaining spaces with a thick horizontal line.

**B.8.3.12 Examples for disqualifying fouls on assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or an accompanying delegation member:**

A disqualifying foul against an assistant coach shall be recorded as follows:

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	B <sub>2</sub>		
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.	D		

A disqualifying foul against a substitute shall be recorded as follows:

001	MAYER, F.	5	⊗	D				
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And

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	B <sub>2</sub>		
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.			

A disqualifying foul against an excluded player after his fifth foul shall be recorded as follows:

015	RUSH, S.	25	×	T <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	D
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And

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	B <sub>2</sub>		
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.			

A disqualifying foul against an accompanying delegation member shall be recorded as follows:

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	B <sub>2</sub>		
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.			

**B.8.3.13 Examples for disqualifying fouls for fighting on coach, assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or an accompanying delegation member:**

Irrespective of the number of persons disqualified for leaving the team bench area, a single technical foul ('B') shall be charged against the coach as follows:

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	B <sub>2</sub>		
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.			



A disqualifying foul against a **coach** and an **assistant coach** shall be recorded as follows:

If only the coach is disqualified:

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	D <sub>2</sub>	F	F
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.			

If only the assistant coach is disqualified:

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	B <sub>2</sub>		
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.	F	F	F

If both the coach and the assistant coach are disqualified:

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	D <sub>2</sub>	F	F
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.	F	F	F

In all remaining foul spaces of the disqualified person an 'F' shall be entered.

A disqualifying foul against a **substitute** shall be recorded as follows:

If the substitute has fewer than 4 fouls, then an 'F' shall be entered in all remaining foul spaces:

003	SMITH, E.	9	⊗	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	F	F	F
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If it is the substitute's fifth foul, then an 'F' shall be entered inside the last foul space:

002	JONES, M.	8	⊗	T <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	F
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A disqualifying foul against an **excluded player** shall be recorded as follows:

As an **excluded player** has no more foul spaces, then an 'F' shall be entered in the column after the last foul:

015	RUSH, S.	25	⊗	T <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	F
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A disqualifying foul against a **substitute** for his **active involvement** in the fight shall be recorded as follows:

001	MAYER, F.	5	⊗	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	F	F
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A disqualifying foul against an **excluded player** for his **active involvement** in the fight shall be recorded as follows:

015	RUSH, S.	25	⊗	T <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>
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A disqualifying foul against an **accompanying delegation member** for his **active involvement** in the fight shall be charged against the coach and recorded as follows:

Coach	788	LOOR, A.	B <sub>2</sub>	(B <sub>2</sub> )	
Assistant Coach	555	MONTA, B.			

Each disqualification of an accompanying delegation member shall be charged against the coach, recorded as (B<sub>2</sub>) but shall not count to the three technical fouls for his disqualification.

**Note:** Technical or disqualifying fouls according to Art. 39 shall not count as team fouls.

## B.9 Team fouls

B.9.1 For each **quarter**, 4 spaces are provided on the scoresheet (immediately below the team's name and above the players' names) to enter the team fouls.

B.9.2 Whenever a player commits a personal, technical, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul, the scorer shall record the foul against the team of that player by marking a large 'X' in the designated spaces in turn.

## B.10 The running score

- B.10.1 The scorer shall keep a chronological running summary of the points scored by each team.
- B.10.2 There are 4 columns on the scoresheet for running score.
- B.10.3 Each column is divided again into 4 columns. The 2 on the left are for team 'A' and the 2 on the right for team 'B'. The centre columns are for the running score (160 points) for each team.

The scorer shall:

- **First**, draw a diagonal line (/ for right-handed or \ for left-handed) for any valid field goal scored and a filled circle (●) for any valid free throw scored, over the **new total** number of points as accumulated by the team that has just scored.
- **Then**, in the blank space on the same side of the new total number of points (beside the new / or \ or ●), enter the number of the player who scored the field goal or the free throw.

## B.11 The running score: Additional instructions

- B.11.1 A 3-point field goal scored by a player shall be recorded by drawing a circle around the player's number.
- B.11.2 A field goal accidentally scored by a player in his own basket shall be recorded as having been scored by the captain of the **opponents'** team on the playing court.
- B.11.3 Points scored when the ball does not enter the basket (Art. 31) shall be recorded as having been scored by the player who attempted the shot.
- B.11.4 At the end of each **quarter or overtimes**, the scorer shall draw a thick circle (⊙) around the latest number of points scored by each team, followed by a thick horizontal line under those points and under the number of each player who scored those last points.
- B.11.5 At the beginning of each **quarter or overtimes** the scorer shall continue to keep a chronological running summary of the points scored from the point of interruption.
- B.11.6 Whenever possible, the scorer should check his running score with the visual scoreboard. If there is a discrepancy, and his score is correct, he shall immediately take steps to have the scoreboard corrected. If in doubt or if one of the teams raises an objection to the correction, he shall inform the crew chief as soon as the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped.
- B.11.7 The officials may correct any error in scorekeeping involving the score, number of fouls or number of time-outs under the provisions of the rules. The crew chief shall sign the corrections. Extensive corrections shall be documented on the reverse side of the scoresheet.

	A		B
	1	●	6
	2	●	6
6	<del>3</del>	3	
	4	4	
11	<del>5</del>	5	5
11	●	●	5
	7	7	
10	<del>8</del>	8	
	9	9	10
	10	10	
10	<del>11</del>	11	
	12	12	7
4	<del>13</del>	13	7
5	<del>14</del>	14	
5	15	15	6
	16	16	
5	<del>17</del>	17	
	18	18	6
6	<del>19</del>	19	
	20	20	9
	21	21	
11	<del>22</del>	22	9
	23	23	9
11	<del>24</del>	24	
	25	25	7
	26	26	7
5	<del>27</del>	27	
	28	28	6
10	<del>29</del>	29	
	30	30	8
4	<del>31</del>	31	
	32	32	5
4	<del>33</del>	33	5
4	34	34	
	35	35	10
10	<del>36</del>	36	
	37	37	12
	38	38	
10	<del>39</del>	39	12
10	40	40	12

**Diagram 12**  
**Running score**

## B.12 The running score: Summing up

- B.12.1 At the end of each quarter and last overtime, the scorer shall enter the score of that quarter and of all overtimes in the proper section in the lower part of the scoresheet.
- B.12.2 Immediately at the end of the game, the scorer shall enter the time in the 'Game ended at (hh:mm)' column.
- B.12.3 At the end of the game, the scorer shall draw 2 thick horizontal lines under the final number of points scored by each team and the numbers of the players who scored those last points. He shall also draw a diagonal line to the bottom of the column in order to obliterate the remaining numbers (running score) for each team.
- B.12.4 At the end of the game, the scorer shall enter the final score and the name of the winning team.
- B.12.5 The scorer shall then enter his surname, in block capital letters, on the scoresheet, after this has been done by the assistant scorer, timer and the shot clock operator. Then all table officials shall sign next to their names.
- B.12.6 Once signed by the umpire(s), the crew chief shall be the last to approve and sign the scoresheet. This act terminates the officials' administration and connection with the game.

7	<del>70</del>	<del>70</del>	6
7	<del>71</del>	71	
7	<del>72</del>	<del>72</del>	6
	73	73	
9	74	74	
	75	75	
11	<del>76</del>	76	
	77	77	
	78	78	
	79	79	
	80	80	

**Diagram 13**  
Summing up

**Note:** Should the captain (CAP) sign the scoresheet under protest (using the 'Captain's signature in case of protest' column), the table officials and the umpire(s) shall remain at the disposal of the crew chief until he gives them the permission to leave.

Scorer	<u>MAIER, N.</u> <i>NH</i>	Scores	Quarter ①	A	<u>15</u>	B	<u>18</u>
Assistant scorer	<u>SABAY, D.</u> <i>DS</i>		Quarter ②	A	<u>19</u>	B	<u>10</u>
Timer	<u>LEBLANC, R.</u> <i>RS</i>		Quarter ③	A	<u>26</u>	B	<u>19</u>
Shot clock operator	<u>AUSTIN, K.</u> <i>KZ</i>		Quarter ④	A	<u>16</u>	B	<u>25</u>
			Overtimes	A	<u>/</u>	B	<u>/</u>
Crew chief	<u>M. Walton</u>	Final Score	Team A	<u>76</u>	Team B	<u>72</u>	
Umpire 1	<u>Y. Chang</u>	Name of winning team	<u>HOOPERS</u>				
Umpire 2	<u>K. Bartok</u>	Game ended at (hh:mm)	<u>21:50</u>				
Captain's signature in case of protest	_____						

**Diagram 14** Bottom of the scoresheet

## C – PROTEST PROCEDURE

- C.1** A team may file a protest if its interests have been adversely affected by:
- An error in scorekeeping, time-keeping or shot clock operations, which was not corrected by the officials.
  - A decision to forfeit, cancel, postpone, not resume or not play the game.
  - A violation of the applicable eligibility rules.
- C.2** In order to be admissible, a protest shall comply with the following procedure:
- The captain (CAP) of that team shall, no later than 15 minutes following the end of the game, inform the crew chief that his team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the scoresheet in the 'Captain's signature in case of protest' column.
  - The team shall submit the protest reasons to the crew chief in writing no later than 1 hour following the end of the game.
  - A fee of CHF 1,500 shall be applied to each protest and shall be paid in case the protest is rejected.
- C.3** The crew chief shall, following receipt of the protest reasons, report in writing the incident which leads to the protest, to the FIBA representative or to the competent body.
- C.4** The competent body shall issue any procedural requests which it deems appropriate and shall decide on the protest as soon as possible, and in any event no later than 24 hours following the end of the game. The competent body shall use any reliable evidence and can take any appropriate decision, including without limitation partial or full replay of the game. The competent body may not decide to change the result of the game unless there is clear and conclusive evidence that, had it not been for the error that gave rise to the protest, the new result would have certainly materialised.
- C.5** The decision of the competent body is also considered as a field of play rule decision and is not subject to further review or appeal. Exceptionally, decisions on eligibility may be appealed as provided for in the applicable regulations.
- C.6** Special rules for FIBA competitions or competitions which do not provide otherwise in their regulations:
- In case the competition is in tournament format, the competent body for all protests shall be the Technical Committee (see FIBA Internal Regulations, Book 2).
  - In case of home and away games, the competent body for protests relating to eligibility issues shall be the FIBA Disciplinary Panel. For all other issues giving rise to a protest, the competent body shall be FIBA acting through one or more persons with expertise on the implementation and interpretation of the Official Basketball Rules (see FIBA Internal Regulations, Book 2).

## D – CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

### D.1 Procedure

D.1.1 Teams shall be classified according to their win-loss record, namely 2 classification points for each game won, 1 classification point for each game lost (including lost by default) and 0 classification points for a game lost by forfeit.

D.1.2 The procedure is to be applied for all competitions with a round-robin system.

D.1.3 If 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of all games in the group, the game(s) between these 2 or more teams shall decide on the classification. If the 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of the games between them, further criteria shall be applied in the following order:

- Higher game points difference of the games between them.
- Higher number of game points scored in the games between them.
- Higher game points difference of all games in the group.
- Higher number of game points scored in all games in the group.

If still tied before all games have been played in the group, tied teams shall share the same ranking. If these criteria still cannot decide at the end of the group phase, a draw shall decide on the final classification.

D.1.4 If at any level of these criteria one or more team(s) can be classified, the procedure of D.1.3 shall be repeated from the beginning for all the remaining teams not classified yet.

### D.2 Examples

#### D.2.1 Example 1

A vs. B	100 – 55	B vs. C	100 – 95
A vs. C	90 – 85	B vs. D	80 – 75
A vs. D	75 – 80	C vs. D	60 – 55

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	3	2	1	5	265 : 220	+ 45
B	3	2	1	5	235 : 270	- 35
C	3	1	2	4	240 : 245	- 5
D	3	1	2	4	210 : 215	- 5

Therefore: 1<sup>st</sup> A – winner against B      3<sup>rd</sup> C - winner against D  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B      4<sup>th</sup> D

#### D.2.2 Example 2

A vs. B	100 – 55	B vs. C	100 – 85
A vs. C	90 – 85	B vs. D	75 – 80
A vs. D	120 – 75	C vs. D	65 – 55

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	3	3	0	6	310 : 215	+ 95
B	3	1	2	4	230 : 265	- 35
C	3	1	2	4	235 : 245	- 10
D	3	1	2	4	210 : 260	- 50

Therefore 1<sup>st</sup> A

Classification of the games between B, C, D:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
B	2	1	1	3	175 : 165	+ 10
C	2	1	1	3	150 : 155	- 5
D	2	1	1	3	135 : 140	- 5

Therefore 2<sup>nd</sup> B, 3<sup>rd</sup> C - winner against D, 4<sup>th</sup> D

### D.2.3 Example 3

A vs. B	85 – 90	B vs. C	100 – 95
A vs. C	55 – 100	B vs. D	75 – 85
A vs. D	75 – 120	C vs. D	65 – 55

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	3	0	3	3	215 : 310	- 95
B	3	2	1	5	265 : 265	0
C	3	2	1	5	260 : 210	+ 50
D	3	2	1	5	260 : 215	+ 45

Therefore 4<sup>th</sup> A

Classification of the games between B, C, D:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
B	2	1	1	3	175 : 180	- 5
C	2	1	1	3	160 : 155	+ 5
D	2	1	1	3	140 : 140	0

Therefore 1<sup>st</sup> C 2<sup>nd</sup> D 3<sup>rd</sup> B

### D.2.4 Example 4

A vs. B	85 – 90	B vs. C	100 – 90
A vs. C	55 – 100	B vs. D	75 – 85
A vs. D	75 – 120	C vs. D	65 – 55



Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	3	0	3	3	215 : 310	- 95
B	3	2	1	5	265 : 260	+ 5
C	3	2	1	5	255 : 210	+ 45
D	3	2	1	5	260 : 215	+ 45

Therefore 4<sup>th</sup> A

Classification of the games between B, C, D:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
B	2	1	1	3	175 : 175	0
C	2	1	1	3	155 : 155	0
D	2	1	1	3	140 : 140	0

Therefore 1<sup>st</sup> B 2<sup>nd</sup> C 3<sup>rd</sup> D

### D.2.5 Example 5

A vs. B	100 – 55	B vs. F	110 - 90
A vs. C	85 – 90	C vs. D	55 - 60
A vs. D	120 – 75	C vs. E	90 - 75
A vs. E	80 – 100	C vs. F	105 - 75
A vs. F	85 – 80	D vs. E	70 - 45
B vs. C	100 – 95	D vs. F	65 – 60
B vs. D	80 – 75	E vs. F	75 – 80
B vs. E	75 – 80		

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	5	3	2	8	470 : 400	+ 70
B	5	3	2	8	420 : 440	- 20
C	5	3	2	8	435 : 395	+ 40
D	5	3	2	8	345 : 360	- 15
E	5	2	3	7	375 : 395	- 20
F	5	1	4	6	385 : 440	- 55

Therefore 5<sup>th</sup> E 6<sup>th</sup> F

Classification of the games between A, B, C, D:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	3	2	1	5	305 : 220	+ 85
B	3	2	1	5	235 : 270	- 35
C	3	1	2	4	240 : 245	- 5
D	3	1	2	4	210 : 255	- 45

Therefore: 1<sup>st</sup> A – winner against B 3<sup>rd</sup> D - winner against C  
 2<sup>nd</sup> B 4<sup>th</sup> C



### D.2.6 Example 6

A vs. B	71 – 65	B vs. F	95 - 90
A vs. C	85 – 86	C vs. D	95 - 100
A vs. D	77 – 75	C vs. E	82 - 75
A vs. E	80 – 86	C vs. F	105 - 75
A vs. F	85 – 80	D vs. E	68 - 67
B vs. C	88 – 87	D vs. F	65 – 60
B vs. D	80 – 75	E vs. F	80 – 75
B vs. E	75 – 76		

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	5	3	2	8	398 : 392	+ 6
B	5	3	2	8	403 : 399	+ 4
C	5	3	2	8	455 : 423	+ 32
D	5	3	2	8	383 : 379	+ 4
E	5	3	2	8	384 : 380	+ 4
F	5	0	5	5	380 : 430	- 50

Therefore 6<sup>th</sup> F

Classification of the games between A, B, C, D, E:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	4	2	2	6	313 : 312	+ 1
B	4	2	2	6	308 : 309	- 1
C	4	2	2	6	350 : 348	+ 2
D	4	2	2	6	318 : 319	- 1
E	4	2	2	6	304 : 305	- 1

Therefore: 1<sup>st</sup> C 2<sup>nd</sup> A

Classification of the games between B, D, E:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
B	2	1	1	3	155 : 151	+ 4
D	2	1	1	3	143 : 147	- 4
E	2	1	1	3	143 : 143	0

Therefore: 3<sup>rd</sup> B 4<sup>th</sup> E 5<sup>th</sup> D

### D.2.7 Example 7

A vs. B	73 – 71	B vs. F	95 - 90
A vs. C	85 – 86	C vs. D	95 - 96
A vs. D	77 – 75	C vs. E	82 - 75
A vs. E	90 – 96	C vs. F	105 - 75
A vs. F	85 – 80	D vs. E	68 - 67

B vs. C      88 – 87                      D vs. F      80 – 75  
 B vs. D      80 – 79                      E vs. F      80 – 75  
 B vs. E      79 – 80

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	5	3	2	8	410 : 408	+ 2
B	5	3	2	8	413 : 409	+ 4
C	5	3	2	8	455 : 419	+ 36
D	5	3	2	8	398 : 394	+ 4
E	5	3	2	8	398 : 394	+ 4
F	5	0	5	5	395 : 445	- 50

Therefore 6<sup>th</sup> F

Classification of the games between A, B, C, D, E:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
A	4	2	2	6	325 : 328	- 3
B	4	2	2	6	318 : 319	- 1
C	4	2	2	6	350 : 344	+ 6
D	4	2	2	6	318 : 319	- 1
E	4	2	2	6	318 : 319	- 1

Therefore: 1<sup>st</sup> C      5<sup>th</sup> A

Classification of the games between B, D, E:

Team	Games played	Wins	Losses	Classification points	Game points	Game points difference
B	2	1	1	3	159 : 159	0
D	2	1	1	3	147 : 147	0
E	2	1	1	3	147 : 147	0

Therefore 2<sup>nd</sup> B,      3<sup>rd</sup> D - winner against E,      4<sup>th</sup> E

### D.3 Forfeit

D.3.1 A team which without valid reason, fails to show up for a scheduled game or withdraws from the playing court before the end of the game, shall lose the game by forfeit and receive 0 classification points.

D.3.2 If the team forfeits for a second time, the results of all games played by this team shall be nullified.

D.3.3 If the team forfeits for a second time in a competition played in groups, and the best placed team(s) from each group shall qualify for the next round of the competition, the results of all games played by the last placed team in the cross-over group shall also be nullified.

### Example

Team 4A in group A forfeits twice, therefore all its games shall be nullified.

Final standings:

Group A	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1A	4	0	8
Team 2A	2	2	6
Team 3A	0	4	4
Team 4A			

Group B	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1B	6	0	12
Team 2B	4	2	10
Team 3B	1	5	7
Team 4B	1	5	7

Results of the games played between teams 3B and 4B:

3B vs 4B 88 – 71

4B vs 3B 76 – 75

Therefore: 3<sup>rd</sup> 3B 4<sup>th</sup> 4B

Revised final standings in Group B:

Group B	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1B	4	0	8
Team 2B	2	2	6
Team 3B	0	4	4

**D.3.4** If the team forfeits for a second time in a competition played in groups, and for the final group classification all the teams in all groups must have the same number of games played, the results of all games played by the last placed teams in all groups shall also be nullified.

### Example

Team 6B in group B forfeits twice, therefore all its games shall be nullified.

Final standings:

Group A	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1A	10	0	20
Team 2A	8	2	18
Team 3A	6	4	16
Team 4A	4	6	14
Team 5A	2	8	12
Team 6A	0	10	10

Group B	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1B	8	0	16
Team 2B	6	2	14
Team 3B	4	4	12
Team 4B	2	6	10
Team 5B	0	8	8
Team 6B			

Group C	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1C	10	0	20
Team 2C	8	2	18
Team 3C	5	5	15
Team 4C	5	5	15
Team 5C	2	8	12
Team 6C	0	10	10

Group D	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1D	9	1	19
Team 2D	9	1	19
Team 3D	6	4	16
Team 4D	4	6	14
Team 5D	1	9	11
Team 6D	1	9	11

Results of the games played between teams 5D and 6D:

5D vs 6D 83 – 81

6D vs 5D 92 – 91

Therefore: 5<sup>th</sup> 5D 6<sup>th</sup> 6D

Revised final standings in Groups A, C and D:

Group A	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1A	8	0	16
Team 2A	6	2	14
Team 3A	4	4	12
Team 4A	2	6	10
Team 5A	0	8	8

Group C	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1C	8	0	16
Team 2C	6	2	14
Team 3C	3	5	11
Team 4C	3	5	11
Team 5C	0	8	8

Group D	Wins	Losses	Classification points
Team 1D	7	1	15
Team 2D	7	1	15
Team 3D	4	4	12
Team 4D	2	6	10
Team 5D	0	8	8

**Note:**

Should the comparative ranking need to be established between the teams placed on the same position in the groups, one group of all teams in questions shall be established. The criteria shall be applied in the following order:

- Better win-loss record of all games played in their revised final group standings.
- Higher game points difference of all games in their revised final group standings.
- Higher number of the game points scored in all games in their revised final group standings.
- If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the final classification.

Example for the teams placed second in the revised final group standings.

Group X	Wins	Losses	Game points	Classification points	Game points difference
Team 2D	7	1	628 – 521	15	
Team 2B	6	2	551 – 488	14	+ 63
Team 2A	6	2	531 – 506	14	+ 25
Team 2C	6	2	525 – 500	14	+ 25

Therefore

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team 2D Best win-loss record
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team 2B Higher game points difference as teams 2A and 2C
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team 2A Same game points difference as team 2C but higher number of game points scored
- 4<sup>th</sup> Team 2C Same game points difference as team 2A but lower number of game points scored

#### D.4 Home and away games (aggregate score)

D.4.1 For a 2-games home and away total points series (aggregated score) competition system, the 2 games shall be considered as 1 game of 80 minutes duration.

D.4.2 If the score is tied at the end of the first game, no overtime shall be played.

D.4.3 If the aggregated score of both games is tied, the second game shall continue with as many overtimes of 5 minutes as necessary to break the tie.

D.4.4 The winner of the series shall be the team that:

- Is the winner of both games.
- Has scored the greater number of the aggregated points at the end of the second game, if both teams have won 1 game.

#### D.5 Examples

##### D.5.1 Example 1

A vs B 80 – 75

B vs A 72 – 73

Team A is the winner of series (winner of both games)

##### D.5.2 Example 2

A vs B 80 – 75

B vs A 73 – 72

Team A is the winner of series (aggregate score A 152 – B 148)

##### D.5.3 Example 3

A vs B 80 – 80

B vs A 92 – 85

Team B is the winner of series (aggregate score A 165 – B 172). No overtime for the first game.

##### D.5.4 Example 4

A vs B 80 – 85

B vs A 75 – 75

Team B is the winner of series (aggregate score A 155 – B 160). No overtime for the second game.

##### D.5.5 Example 5

A vs B 83 – 81

B vs A 79 – 77

Aggregate score A 160 – B 160. After overtime(s) of the second game:

B vs A 95 – 88

Team B is the winner of series (aggregate score A 171 – B 176).

##### D.5.6 Example 6

A vs B 76 – 76

B vs A 84 – 84

Aggregate score A 160 – B 160. After overtime(s) of the second game:

B vs A 94 – 91

Team B is the winner of series (aggregate score A 167 – B 170).

## E – MEDIA TIME-OUTS

### E.1 Definition

The organising body of the competition may decide for itself whether Media time-outs shall be **used** and, if so, of what duration (60, 75, 90 or 100 seconds).

### E.2 Rule

E.2.1 In each **quarter** 1 Media time-out is permitted, in addition to the regular time-outs. Media time-outs in **an overtime** are not permitted.

E.2.2 The first time-out in each **quarter** (team or Media) shall be 60, 75, 90 or 100 seconds in duration.

E.2.3 The duration of all other time-outs in a **quarter** shall be 60 seconds.

E.2.4 Both teams shall be entitled to 2 time-outs during the first half and 3 time-outs during the second half.

These time-outs may be requested at any time during the game and their duration may be:

- If considered to be a Media time-out 60, 75, 90 or 100 seconds, i.e. the first in a **quarter**, or
- If not considered to be a Media time-out 60 seconds, i.e. requested by either team, after the Media time-out has been granted.

### E.3 Procedure

E.3.1 Ideally, the Media time-out shall be taken before the 5 minutes remaining in the **quarter**. However, there is no guarantee that this **shall** be the case.

E.3.2 If neither team has requested a time-out before the **5** minutes remaining in the **quarter** then a Media time-out shall be granted at the first opportunity when the ball **is** dead and the game clock is stopped. This time-out **shall** not be charged against either team.

E.3.3 If either team is granted a time-out before the **5** minutes remaining in the **quarter**, that time-out shall be used as a Media time-out.

This time-out shall count as both a Media time-out and a time-out for the team requesting it.

E.3.4 According to this procedure, there would be a minimum of 1 time-out in each **quarter** and a maximum of 6 time-outs in the first half and a maximum of 8 time-outs in the second half.

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