



# IMPORTANT FIBA OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES

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# 1 SUMMARY RULE CHANGES

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## 1.1 ART. 9 BEGINNING AND END OF A QUARTER, OVERTIME OR THE GAME

- Teams will now warm-up towards their team bench & play the first half in the same direction. Teams will now play defence in front of their team bench during the second half of the game.

## 1.2 ART. 34/ 37 – THROW-IN FOUL / UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOUL

- A defensive foul during a throw-in in the last 2 minutes of the game is no longer automatically upgraded to an Unsportsmanlike Foul.
- It is now a “Throw-in Foul” with the penalty of 1 free-throw, followed by possession.

## 1.3 MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

### A) ART. 8 PLAYING TIME, TIED SCORE AND OVERTIME

- If a foul is committed near the end of a quarter, the referees shall determine the remaining playing time. If the referees determine the foul was before the end-of-period signal, a minimum of 0.1 shall be shown on the game clock.
- If a foul is called before the end-of-period signal and the field goal is successful, the signal will be disregarded and the basket counts.
- This rule applies for fully timed games and the last quarter of all other games.

### B) ART. 37 UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOUL

- Unsportsmanlike Foul Criteria 4 – “clear path player” is now applicable to more game situations.

## 1.4 APPENDIX A REFEREES’ SIGNALS

### ILLEGAL CYLINDER / GOALTENDING & BASKET INTERFERENCE

- Two new referee signals – Illegal Cylinder Foul & Goaltending / Basket Interference.

## 2 ART. 9 BEGINNING AND END OF A QUARTER, OVERTIME OR THE GAME

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### REASON FOR CHANGE

During the second half, especially during the last quarter when the game usually is much more heated, the teams play defence in front of the opposing team's benches. When the opposing team scores and the head coach requests a time-out, the table officials must look in the opposite direction. At present, if the basket is located on one side and the head coach requesting a time-out on the other side, the table officials often notice the time-out request with a delay or not at all, which leads to complaints.

### 2.1 2022 OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES

Teams will now warm-up towards their team bench & play the first half in the same direction. This means teams will now play defence in front of their team bench during the second half of the game.



## 3 ART. 34 / 37 – THROW-IN FOUL / UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOUL

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### REASON FOR CHANGE

Any defensive foul during a throw-in (before the ball has left the thrower-in) in the last two minutes of the game will automatically be upgraded to an Unsportsmanlike Foul. This rule was implemented to ensure players who are intentionally fouling make legitimate attempts to directly play the ball. However, it has been observed that normal basketball actions are being called as Unsportsmanlike Fouls due to this rule.

### 3.1 2022 OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES

To ensure that normal basketball actions are not called as Unsportsmanlike Fouls:

- Removal of Unsportsmanlike Foul criteria 5 – no more automatic Unsportsmanlike Foul if a defensive foul is called before the ball is released for a throw-in.
- **THROW-IN FOUL**
  - Applies only during the last two minutes of the game, before the ball has been released for a throw-in.
  - PENALTY: One free-throw for the player who was fouled, followed by possession.
  - Note: The penalty will always be one free-throw and possession, regardless of a team's foul count.
  - Note: All other Unsportsmanlike Foul criteria still apply. Players who are intentionally fouling will still need to legitimately attempt to directly play the ball.

## 4 MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

### A) ART. 8 PLAYING TIME, TIED SCORE AND OVERTIME

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#### **REASON FOR CHANGE**

When a foul is called, the game clock must be stopped immediately. However, there is always a margin of error due to human reaction time. If this happens at the end of a quarter, the end-of-period signal cannot be avoided. The following is more of a clarification of the existing rule as opposed to a “rule change.”

#### **4.1 2022 OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES**

If a foul is committed near the end of a quarter, the referees shall determine the remaining playing time. If the referees determine the foul was before the end-of-period signal, a minimum of 0.1 shall be shown on the game clock. If a foul is called before the end-of-period signal and the field goal is successful, the signal will be disregarded and the basket counts. This rule applies for fully timed games and the last quarter of all other games.

### B) ART. 37 UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOUL

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#### **REASON FOR CHANGE**

A better clarification for the “Unsportsmanlike Foul – clear path player” criteria 4 is required.

- The illegal contact from behind or laterally on an opponent, who is progressing towards the opponent’s basket is valid only for other opponent players being between the progressing player and the basket.
- Better description of all such possible situations

The following is more of a clarification of the existing rule as opposed to a “rule change.”

#### **4.2 2022 OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES**

Unsportsmanlike Foul “clear path player” criteria 4 has been reworded to:

- An illegal contact caused by a player from behind or laterally on an opponent, who is progressing towards the opponent’s basket and there are no other opponent players between the progressing player and the basket, and
  - the progressing player is in control of the ball, or
  - the progressing player is attempting to gain control of the ball, or
  - the ball has been released on a pass to the progressing player.

This applies until the offensive player begins his act of shooting.

# 5 APPENDIX A REFEREES' SIGNALS

## ILLEGAL CYLINDER / GOALTENDING & BASKET INTERFERENCE

### REASON FOR CHANGE

A cylinder foul is a special action and might cause confusion amongst the players and others as to why the foul was called. A new "illegal cylinder" signal shall better explain the nature of such fouls in the offence and defence.

### 5.1 2022 OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES CHANGES

#### ILLEGAL CYLINDER



Both arms with hands vertical moving down and up

A defensive cylinder foul is when a player invades the cylinder of an offensive player with the ball and illegally contacts them while attempting a normal basketball play.

An offensive cylinder foul is when a player with the ball leaves their cylinder and causes an illegal contact with an opponent to gain additional space.



#### GOALTENDING / BASKET INTERFERENCE



Rotate finger, extend index finger over the other hand with a circle

### REASON FOR CHANGE

There is no signal for goaltending/basket interference to explain the violation. A new signal shall better explain the nature of such violations in the offence and defence.