



OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES

NEW CHANGES 2017

The FIBA Central Board has now approved several rule changes which will become valid as of 1 October 2017.

The main changes affecting players, coaching and officiating are amendments to the Travelling Rule. We are awaiting further resource materials from FIBA to further clarify the new travelling rule and unsportsmanlike foul and will share these as soon as we are able to.

Travelling rule (Art. 25.2)

Purpose: To have a common worldwide travelling rule that better reflects the actions on the court.

New wording: While moving and having one foot on the floor while catching the ball or ending a dribble the next foot or feet to touch the floor is “Step 1” and will become the pivot foot.

Please note: FIBA are producing additional material on the new travelling rule which will be forwarded in a separate presentation.

Unsportsmanlike foul (Art. 37.1.1)

Purpose: To gain more clarity on when to call an unsportsmanlike foul and protect the dynamics of the game in transition.

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

- Excessive, hard contact caused by a player in an effort to play the ball or an opponent.
- Contact by the defensive player with no legitimate attempt to directly play the ball within the spirit and intent of the rules causing an unnecessary contact in order to stop the fast break or the progress of the offensive team in transition. (This applies until the offensive player begins the act of shooting.)

Duties of the coaches (Art. 7.1)

Change: The list with the team members and all further team information shall be given to the scorer at least **40 minutes** before the game is scheduled to begin.

Foul penalties (B.8.3)

Purpose: To have the same penalty for disqualifying fouls; 2 free throws + possession.

Change: Whenever a person has been disqualified and this foul is charged by the rules to the coach as a bench foul the penalty shall be **2 free throws** as with any other disqualifying foul. In the scoresheet such fouls shall be entered as **B2**.

This applies to all disqualifying fouls against team bench personnel, namely assistant coaches, substitutes, and excluded players which also apply to a fighting situation.

Player in the act of shooting (Art. 15.1.3)

Purpose: To clarify the definition of the act of shooting.

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

Game disqualification (Art. 36.3.3 and Art. 37.2.3)

Purpose: The game disqualification is now also valid for 1 technical foul and 1 unsportsmanlike foul.

Change: A player shall also be disqualified for the remainder of the game when he is charged with 1 technical and 1 unsportsmanlike foul.

A player coach shall also be disqualified for the remainder of the game when he is charged with 2 technical fouls against his person where 1 of these fouls may also be an unsportsmanlike foul against him as a player.

Fake a foul (Art. 33.16)

Purpose: A definition and procedure for faking a foul has been introduced.

Change: Fake is any action by a player to pretend being fouled or to make theatrical exaggerated movements in order to create an opinion of being fouled and therefore gaining an unfair advantage.

The infraction can be committed by an offensive and a defensive player. A new signal with an accompanying procedure has been introduced.