

## **FIBA 3x3 Official Rules of the Game – Official Interpretations**

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The latest published Official FIBA Basketball Rules of the Game and latest published Official Interpretations are valid for all game situations not specifically mentioned in the FIBA 3x3 Official Rules of the Game herein.

The aim of this document is to apply the principles and concepts of the Rulebook into practical and specific situations as they might arise during a 3x3 game.

The Referee shall have the full power and authority to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in the 3x3 Official Rules of the Game or in the 3x3 Official Interpretations.

Changes and/or amendments to the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

### **Art. 1 Court and Ball**

**1.1.** The game will be played on a 3x3 basketball court with 1 basket. A regular 3x3 court playing surface is 15 m (width) x 11 m (length). The court shall have a regular basketball playing court sized zone, including a free throw line (5.80 m), a 2-point line (6.75 m) and a “no-charge semi-circle” area underneath the basket. Half of a traditional basketball court may be used.

**1.2.** The official 3x3 ball shall be used in all categories.

*Note:*

- 1. At grassroots level, 3x3 can be played anywhere; court markings – if any are used – shall be adapted to the available space; however FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions must fully comply with the above specifications including backstops with the shot clock integrated in the backstop padding.*
- 2. FIBA Official Competitions are the Olympic Tournaments, 3x3 World Cups (incl. U23 and U18), Zone Cups (incl. U18) and the 3x3 World Tour.*

### **Art. 2 Teams**

Each team shall consist of 4 players (3 players on the court and 1 substitute).

*Note: Coaches on the playground and/or remote coaching from the bleacher are not allowed.*

**Example 2-1:** During the game a person acting as a coach, seated out of the court, gives instructions to the players. This situation happens:

- (a) During playing time.
- (b) During a time-out.

**Interpretation 2-1:** In both cases, players may not interact with anybody outside the court. Inappropriate interaction with people outside the court or any form of communication between players and coaches during the game may be considered as an unsportsmanlike behaviour. One warning shall be given to the team. Any such subsequent violation shall result in a technical foul. **The Sports Supervisor of the competition may make the Referee aware of such infractions.**

### **Art. 3 Game Officials**

The game officials shall consist of 2 referees and 3 table officials.

*Note: Article 3 does not apply to grassroots events.*

#### **Statement:**

In addition to the table officials, the Sports Supervisor of a competition (if any present) may inform the Referee about any irregularities in breach of the FIBA Internal Regulations, the FIBA 3x3 Official Rules of the Game or the 3x3 Official Interpretations to these.

**Example 3-1:** 3 minutes after the beginning of the game, 1 Referee appears to be injured and cannot continue to officiate.

**Interpretation 3-1:** If a Referee 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 Referee **shall** officiate alone for the remainder of the game, unless there is the possibility of replacing the injured Referee with a qualified substitute Referee. After consulting the organizer, the remaining Referee will decide upon the possible replacement.

### **Art. 4 Beginning of the Game**

**4.1.** Both teams shall warm-up simultaneously prior to the game.

**4.2.** A coin flip shall determine which team gets the first possession. The team that wins the coin flip can either choose to benefit from the ball possession at the beginning of the game or at the beginning of a potential overtime.

**4.3.** The game must start with 3 players of each team on the court.

*Note: Article 4.3 shall not be mandatory for grassroots events.*

**Example 4-1:** **At the end of the regular playing time**, the score is Team A 15 – Team B 15. Team A was entitled to the ball at the beginning of the game. During the interval prior to the overtime, **B1** disrespectfully addresses the Referee and is charged with a technical foul.

**Interpretation 4-1:** **Before the start of the overtime, any team A player shall attempt 1 free throw with no line-up. Team B shall be entitled to the ball to start the overtime.**

**Example 4-2:** Team B is entitled to the first check ball under the coin flip procedure. An official makes an error and the ball is erroneously awarded to Team A. The error is discovered:

- a. Before the ball is in the hands of a player of Team A player for the beginning of the game (and the game clock shows 10:00).

**Interpretation 4-2.1:** The game has not started yet. The ball shall be awarded to Team B as per the coin flip procedure.

- b. After the game has already started (and the game clock shows 09:59 or less).

**Interpretation 4-2.2:** The game has already started and the error cannot be corrected. Team B shall be entitled to the check ball at the beginning of the potential overtime.

**Example 4-3:** In a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition, Team B has fewer than 3 players on the playing court ready to play when the game is scheduled to begin.

**Interpretation 4-3:** The beginning of the game shall be delayed for a maximum of 5 minutes (in FIBA 3x3 Official Competitions, the Sports Supervisor can modify this time at his/her discretion). If the absent players arrive on the playing court ready to play before 5 minutes have passed, the game shall begin immediately. If the absent players have not arrived on the playing court ready to play before 5 minutes have passed, the game shall be forfeited to Team A.

**Example 4-4:** In a FIBA 3x3 Official Competition, Team A has fewer than 3 players on the court ready to play because of injuries, disqualifications etc. This happens:

- a. Prior to the start of the game.
- b. After the game has already started.

**Interpretation 4-4:** The obligation to be present a minimum of 3 players is valid only for the beginning of the game. In case (a), the game shall not start. In case (b), Team A shall continue to play with fewer than 3 players. After the start of the game, a team must always be present with at least 1 player on the court.

**Example 4-5:** During the game, A1 leaves the game due to an injury. Team A can continue the game with only 2 remaining players, as they have no substitute available. As Team A is playing with 2 players, Team B decides for any reason to also play with 2 players, whilst 1 player remains seated on the substitution chair.

**Interpretation 4-5:** The decision of Team B to play with 2 players shall be permitted. Even if Team B has 3 players available, at least 1 of them must be on the playing court.

**Example 4-6:** Before the beginning of the game, B1 disrespectfully addresses the Referee and is charged with a technical foul.

**Interpretation 4-6:** Before the start of the game, any team A player shall attempt 1 free throw with no line-up. A technical foul before the start of the game shall always result in 1 free throw for the opposing team. The game then shall start according to the coin flip procedure.

### **Art. 5 Scoring**

**5.1.** Every shot from inside the arc (1-point field goal area) shall be awarded 1 point.

**5.2.** Every shot from behind the arc (2-point field goal area) shall be awarded 2 points.

**5.3.** Every successful free throw shall be awarded 1 point.

### **Statement:**

In all situations where a defensive team establishes ball control and scores the basket without clearing the ball, the basket shall be cancelled as the team had not cleared the ball prior to the shot attempt. This shall include controlled taps and put-back baskets.

In all situations where a defensive team taps a defensive rebound into the basket without having ball control or deflects a pass or taps a dribbling directly into the basket, the basket shall count and the goal shall be assigned to the last offensive player in ball control. If this deflection or tap happens in the 1-point field goal area, the basket shall count for 1 point. If this deflection or tap happens in the 2-point field goal area, the basket shall count for 2 points.

**Example 5-1:** A1 releases the ball on a shot from the 2-point field goal area. The ball on its upward flight is legally touched by:

- a. An offensive player,
- b. A defensive player,

who has jumped from the 1-point field goal area. The ball then continues its flight and enters the basket.

**Interpretation 5-1:** The value of a field goal is defined by the place on the floor from where the shot was released. A field goal released from the 1-point field goal area counts 1 point, a field goal released from the 2-point field goal area counts 2 points. In both cases, Team A shall be awarded 2 points as A1's shot was released from the 2-point field goal area.

#### **Art. 6 Playing Time/Winner of a Game**

**6.1.** The regular playing time shall be 1 period of 10 minutes. The game clock shall be stopped during dead ball situations and free throws. The game clock shall be restarted after the exchange of the ball is completed (as soon as the ball is in the offensive team's hands).

**6.2.** However the first team which scores 21 points or more wins the game if it happens before the end of regular playing time. This "sudden death" rule applies to the regular playing time only (not to a potential overtime).

**6.3.** If the score is tied at the end of regular playing time, an overtime shall be played. There shall be an interval of 1 minute before the overtime starts. The first team to score 2 points in the overtime wins the game.

**6.4.** A team shall lose the game by forfeit if at the scheduled starting time of the game the team is not present on the playing court with 3 players ready to play. In case of a forfeit, the game score is marked with w-0 or 0-w ("w" standing for win).

**6.5.** A team shall lose the game by default if it leaves the court before the end of the game or all the players of the team are injured and/or disqualified. In case of a default situation, the winning team may choose to keep its score as it stands or to have the game forfeited, whilst the defaulting team's score is set to 0 in any case.

**6.6.** A team losing by default or a tortuous forfeit shall be disqualified from the competition.

*Notes:*

1. *If a game clock is not available, the running time's length and/or required points for "sudden death" is at the organizer's discretion. FIBA recommends setting the score limit in line with the game's duration (10 minutes/10 points; 15 minutes/15 points; 21 minutes/21 points).*

2. *Article 6.4 shall not be mandatory for grassroots events.*

**Example 6-1:** With the score Team A 20 – Team B 20, A1 scores a 1-point field goal. This happens:

- a. With 2 min remaining in the game clock.

**Interpretation 6-1.1:** Team A is the winner of the game. The final score shall be Team A 21 – Team B 20.

- b. During the overtime.

**Interpretation 6-1.2:** The game shall continue. The first team to score 2 points in the overtime wins the game.

**Example 6-2:** A1 is fouled during an act of shooting from behind the arc. The shot is successful. This happens:

- a. With 1 min remaining in the game with the score Team A 20 – Team B 20.

**Interpretation 6-2.1:** Team A is the winner of the game. The final score shall be Team A 22 – Team B 20. The maximum possible score in a game during the regular playing time is 22. The free-throw(s) and possible possession of the ball as the result of the foul shall be disregarded.

- b. During the overtime with the score Team A 21 – Team B 21.

**Interpretation 6-2.2:** Team A is the winner of the game. The final score shall be Team A 23 – Team B 21. The maximum possible score in a game during the overtime is 23. The free-throw(s) and possible possession of the ball as the result of the foul shall be disregarded.

**Example 6-3:** With the score Team A 15 – Team B 15, A1 is fouled during an act of shooting from the 2-point field goal area. This is Team B's 10<sup>th</sup> team foul in the game. Simultaneously the game clock signal sounds for the end of regular playing time. The shot is successful.

**Interpretation 6-3:** A1's successful field goal shall count. A1 shall attempt the 2 free throws as a result of the foul, as Team A did not reach 21 points yet. Team A is the winner of the game and the number of free throws scored by A1 shall determine the final score. Team A shall lose the possession of the ball, as the regular

playing time **has** expired.

#### **Art. 7 Fouls/Free Throws**

**7.1.** A team is in a penalty situation after it has committed 6 fouls. Players are not excluded based on the number of personal fouls subject to Art. 16.

**7.2.** If a shot for a field goal is not successful, fouls during the act of shooting from inside the arc shall be penalized with 1 free throw, whilst fouls during the act of shooting from behind the arc shall be penalized with 2 free throws.

**7.3.** If a shot for a field goal is successful, the goal shall count and the shooter shall be awarded 1 additional free throw.

**7.4.** Unsportsmanlike and disqualifying fouls are counted as 2 fouls for team fouls purposes. The first unsportsmanlike foul of a player shall be penalized with 2 free throws, but no ball possession. All disqualifying fouls (including the second unsportsmanlike of a player) shall be always penalized with 2 free throws and ball possession.

**7.5.** Team fouls 7, 8 and 9 shall always be penalized with 2 free throws. Team foul 10 and any subsequent team fouls shall be penalized with 2 free throws and ball possession. This clause is applied also to unsportsmanlike fouls and to fouls during the act of shooting and overrules Art. 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4.

**7.6.** All technical fouls shall be always penalized with 1 free throw. After 1 free throw, the game shall be resumed as follows:

- If the technical foul was committed by a defensive player, the shot clock for the opponents shall be reset to 12 seconds.
- If the technical foul was committed by the offensive team, the shot clock for that team shall continue from the time it was stopped.

*Note: An offensive foul shall not be penalized with free throws.*

#### **Statement 1:**

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

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

**Any player not in possession of the ball:** A player shall not hold, push, charge, trip or impede the progress of an opponent by extending his hand, arm, elbow, shoulder, hip, leg, knee or foot. The **principle** of advantage/disadvantage is applied **unless** the freedom of movement of the player is restricted by an opponent. **A player shall not hold, grab or push an opponent dislodging him or limiting, impeding or slowing down his ability to jump or move.**

**Player in possession of the ball, not in the Act of Shooting:** A defensive player shall not hold, push, charge, trip or impede the progress of an opponent by extending his hand, arm, elbow, shoulder, hip, leg, knee or foot outside his cylinder, provoking **the loss** of control of the ball of the offensive player.

**Player in the Act of Shooting:** As soon as a 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 principal of advantage/disadvantage is applied until:

- The offensive player clearly loses his/her balance and/or the control of the ball because of excessive contact of defensive player.
- The defensive player clearly loses his/her balance because of excessive contact of offensive player.

**Video Examples:**

- Contact on lay-up attempt – No-call 📺
- Holding/Grabbing on a Cut – Defensive Foul 📺

**Statement 2:**

An **Unsportsmanlike Foul** is a **player's** foul with an excessive, hard or dangerous contact.

Holding an opponent in control of the ball shall be considered as an **Unsportsmanlike Foul**.

**Statement 3:**

A player clearly exaggerating or faking a contact may receive a Technical Foul immediately. No warning shall be given.

**Video Example:**

- Exaggerating Contact – Technical Foul 📺

**Statement 4:**

In situations when an offensive player sets a screen on a defensive players,

- an offensive foul shall be called:
  - When the offensive player extends the arms irrespectively of pushing or not.
  - When the offensive player moves and does not take a legal position.
  - When the offensive player puts his palms on the defensive player irrespectively of pushing or not and/or holds/grabs the defensive player.
- an defensive foul shall be called:
  - When the defensive player holds or grabs the offensive player impeding or slowing down the movement of the offensive player.

**Video Examples:**

- On-ball Screen: Extending Arms – Offensive Foul 📺
- On-ball Screen: Extending Arms – Offensive Foul 📺

- On-ball Screen: Extending Arms – Offensive Foul 
- On-ball Screen: Extending Arms – Offensive Foul 
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- On-ball Screen: Extending Arms – Offensive Foul 
- On-ball Screen: Extending Arms – Offensive Foul 
- On-ball Screen: Moving Screen – Offensive Foul 
- On-ball Screen: Moving Screen – Offensive Foul 
- On-ball Screen: Grabbing/Moving Screen – Offensive Foul 
- On-ball Screen: Holding – Defensive Foul 
- Off-ball Screen: Push-off – Offensive Foul 

**Statement 5:**

In situations with a number of penalties to be administered during the same game clock stopped period, Referees must pay particular attention to the order in which the violation or fouls occurred in determining which penalties are to be administered and which penalties are to be cancelled. Identical penalties shall cancel out each other.

**Statement 6:**

The penalties for a Double Foul shall always cancel out each other irrespective of team foul situations or whether a foul is a player’s first or second Unsportsmanlike Foul. After the cancellation of the equal penalties, the ball shall be awarded for a check-ball to the team that had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball. The shot clock shall not be reset. If neither team had control of the ball nor was entitled to the ball, a jump ball situation occurs. The ball shall be awarded to the last defensive team, with 12 seconds on the shot clock.

**Statement 7:**

Summary of Unsportsmanlike Foul penalties:

Player U-Foul	Team Foul 1-6	Team Foul 7-9	Team Foul 10+
1 <sup>st</sup> U-Foul	2 free throws	2 free throws	2 free throws + possession
2 <sup>nd</sup> U-Foul	2 free throws + possession	2 free throws + possession	2 free throws + possession

Any Unsportsmanlike Foul shall always account for 2 team fouls.



**Summary of Technical Foul penalties:**

<b>T-Foul Defensive Player</b>	<b>T-Foul Offensive Player</b>	<b>No Team in Ball Possession</b>
1 free throw	1 free throw	1 free throw
Possession for offensive team	Possession for offensive team	Possession for last defensive team
Shot clock reset to 12sec	No reset of shot clock	Shot clock reset to 12sec

The penalty for a Technical Foul shall always be administered immediately and before any other penalties (if any).

**Example 7-1:** A1 commits a **Disqualifying Foul**.

**Interpretation 7-1:** **Team B** shall be **awarded 2 free** throws and ball possession. A1 shall be disqualified from the game, must leave the court immediately and may be further disqualified from the event by the organizer (Art. 16).

**Example 7-2:** With 3:05 remaining on the game clock, both teams have committed 7 fouls. A1 is dribbling the ball in the 2-point field goal area. A2 and B2 are fighting for position close to the basket. The Referee calls a foul:

- a. Against A2 (offensive foul).

**Interpretation 7-2.1:** An offensive foul is a personal foul committed by a player of the team in control of the live ball or entitled to the ball. No free throws **shall be** awarded after an offensive foul. Check ball for Team B.

- b. Against B2 (defensive foul).

**Interpretation 7-2.2:** Team A is in the bonus. A2 shall be awarded 2 free throws.

**Example 7-3:** A1 is dribbling **when B1** deflects the ball and both players **are** running **for** the ball. In order to get an advantage, A1 pushes B1 and the Referee calls a personal foul against A1. This is:

- a. The 1<sup>st</sup> Team **A foul** in the game.
- b. The 7<sup>th</sup> Team **A foul** in the game.
- c. The 10<sup>th</sup> Team **A foul** in the game.

**Interpretation 7-3:** After B1's deflection, Team A did not lose the **control** of the ball. Therefore, A1's foul shall be considered as an offensive foul. In all cases, the game shall continue with a check ball for Team B.

**Example 7-4:** At the beginning of the game B1, commits an Unsportsmanlike Foul. Later in the game, B1 delays deliberately the restarting of the game and the Referee **calls a** Technical Foul **against Team B**. Close to the end of the game, B1 commits **Team B's 6<sup>th</sup> team foul** and the Referee calls it as:

- a. A normal foul.

**Interpretation 7-4.1:** B1 can continue to play. A player shall not be excluded based on the number of personal fouls.

- b. An Unsportsmanlike Foul.

**Interpretation 7-4.2:** B1 shall be automatically disqualified because of his second Unsportsmanlike Foul. B1 must leave the court immediately (Art.16).

- c. A Technical Foul.

**Interpretation 7-4.3:** B1 can continue to play. A player shall not be automatically disqualified for committing 2 Technical Fouls (Art.16).

**Example 7-5:** A1 is fouled by B1 while attempting a 1-point field goal. The shot is not successful. Team B has committed 3 fouls.

**Interpretation 7-5:** A1 shall be awarded 1 free throw.

**Example 7-6:** A1 is fouled by B1 while attempting a 2-point field goal. The shot is successful. Team B has committed 5 fouls.

**Interpretation 7-6:** Team A shall be awarded 2 points and A1 shall be awarded 1 additional free throw.

**Example 7-7:** A1 is fouled by B1 while attempting a 1-point field goal. The shot is not successful. Team B has committed 8 fouls.

**Interpretation 7-7:** A1 shall be awarded 2 free throws.

**Example 7-8:** A1 is fouled by B1 while attempting a 2-point field goal. The shot is successful. Team B has committed 10 fouls.

**Interpretation 7-8:** Team A shall be awarded 2 points and A1 shall be awarded 2 additional free throws followed by Team A ball possession.

**Example 7-9:** Simultaneously with the game clock signal for the end of the regular playing time, B1 fouls A1 not in the Act of Shooting and an Unsportsmanlike Foul is called. The score is Team A 13 – Team B 15.

- a. A1 misses one or both free throws.

**Interpretation 7-9.1:** The game has ended.

- b. A1 scores both free throws.

**Interpretation 7-9.2:** The game shall continue with the overtime. If it was B1's first Unsportsmanlike Foul, the ball shall be awarded to the team according to the coin flip procedure. If it was B1's second Unsportsmanlike Foul, B1 shall be disqualified: The ball shall be awarded to Team A as a result of the second Unsportsmanlike Foul of B1 (coin flip procedure shall not be applied).

**Example 7-10:** A1 attempts a jump-shot for a 2-point field goal. B1 runs to A1 to block the shot.

- a. B1 makes slight contact with A1's lower body before A1 lands with both feet on the court on his legal landing space.

**Interpretation 7-10.1:** B1's defensive foul. A1 shall be awarded 2 free throws as B1 took away A1's landing space and contact occurred.

- b. A1 extends his leg initiating contact before he releases the shot.

**Interpretation 7-10.2:** A1's offensive foul. A goal, if made, shall be cancelled. Ball possession shall be awarded to Team B. Irrespectively of this, an excessive contact or dangerous play may be charged with an Unsportsmanlike Foul.

- c. A1 extends his leg initiating contact or trying to initiate contact after he released the shot.

**Interpretation 7-10.3:** A1's technical foul for flopping. A goal, if made, shall count. Team B shall be awarded 1 free throw and ball possession (since Team B was entitled to ball possession as the result of a goal scored, if any, or as a result of a jump ball situation when the shot for a field goal was missed and the ball was in the air in the moment of the call). Irrespectively of this, an excessive contact or dangerous contact play shall be considered as an Unsportsmanlike Foul.

**Video Examples:**

- Protection of the Shooter – Landing Space – Defensive Foul 📺
- Protection of the Shooter – Landing Space – Defensive Foul 📺
- Protection of the Shooter – Landing Space – Defensive Foul 📺
- Protection of the Shooter – Landing Space – Defensive Foul 📺
- Protection of the Shooter – Landing Space – Defensive Foul 📺
- Protection of the Shooter – Landing Space – No-call 📺
- Protection of the Shooter – Contact on Arm – Defensive Foul 📺

**Example 7-11:** A1 attempts a successful shot for a field goal. While the ball is in the air, A2 disrespectfully addresses the Referee. A Technical Foul is called against Team A.

**Interpretation 7-11:** A1's field goal shall count. Team B shall be awarded 1 free throw as a result of Team A's Technical Foul. Since the ball was in the air when the Technical Foul was called, no team had been in control of the ball, resulting in a jump ball situation. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B (last defensive team before jump ball situation).

**Example 7-12:** B1 commits an Unsportsmanlike Foul on A1. This is B1's first Unsportsmanlike Foul. Before this Unsportsmanlike Foul Team B had

- a. 3 team fouls.

**Interpretation 7-12.1:** The Unsportsmanlike Foul shall account for 2 team fouls, therefore Team B reaches 5 team fouls. A1 shall be awarded 2 free throws for the Unsportsmanlike Foul. The game shall be resumed as after any last free throw.

- b. 5 team fouls.

**Interpretation 7-12.2:** The Unsportsmanlike Foul shall account for 2 team fouls, therefore Team B reaches 7 team fouls. A1 shall be awarded 2 free throws. The game shall be resumed as after any last free throw.

- c. 8 team fouls.

**Interpretation 7-12.3:** The Unsportsmanlike Foul shall count for 2 team fouls therefore Team B reaches 10 team fouls. A1 shall be awarded 2 free throws. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A due to this being Team B's 10<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Example 7-13:** B1 commits an Unsportsmanlike Foul on A1. This is B1's second Unsportsmanlike Foul.

**Interpretation 7-13:** The Unsportsmanlike Foul shall count for 2 team fouls. Irrespectively of the number of team fouls A1 shall be awarded 2 free throws and the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. B1 shall be disqualified for his second Unsportsmanlike Foul.

**Example 7-14:** A1 attempts a shot for a 2-point field goal and is fouled by B1. 2 free throws are awarded to

**A1.**

a. After A1 attempts his first free throw, a Technical Foul is called against B1.

**Interpretation 7-14.1:** The free throw for Team A for B1's Technical Foul shall be administered before A1's second free throw for the shooting foul. The game shall be resumed as after any last free throw.

b. After A1 attempts his first free throw, a Technical Foul is called against A2.

**Interpretation 7-14.2:** The free throw for Team B for A2's Technical Foul shall be administered before A1's second free throw for the shooting foul. The game shall be resumed as after any last free throw.

**Example 7-15:** A1 dribbles and is fouled by B1. This is Team B's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul. Being upset, A1 disrespectfully addresses B1 and is called for a Technical Foul.

**Interpretation 7-15:** The penalties for both fouls are not equal. The penalty for a Technical Foul shall be administered before the penalties for any other foul. Team B shall attempt 1 free throw for the Technical Foul, followed by 2 free throws for A1's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul. The game shall be resumed as after any last free throw

**Example 7-16:** B1 commits a foul on A1 in the Act of Shooting. A1's shot for a field goal is successful. This is Team B's 5<sup>th</sup> team foul. A1 then commits a Technical Foul.

**Interpretation 7-16.1:** A1's field goal shall count. The penalties for both fouls are equal and shall cancel each other. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B.

**Example 7-17:** A1 attempts a shot for a 2-point field goal and is fouled by B1. This is Team B's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul. Being upset, A1 then commits an Unsportsmanlike Foul on B1.

a. This is A1's first Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 4<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-17.1:** The penalties for both fouls are equal and shall cancel each other.

- If the field goal is scored, it shall count and the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B.
- If the field goal is not scored and the ball was in the air when the foul occurred, the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B (because of a jump ball situation).
- If the field goal is not scored and Team A was still in ball possession when the foul occurred, the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. The shot clock shall not be reset.

b. It is A1's second Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 4<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-17.1:** The penalties for both fouls are not equal. A1 shall be disqualified for his second Unsportsmanlike Foul. The game shall be resumed with 2 free throws for Team A, followed by 2 free throws for B1 and a check-ball for Team B.

**Example 7-18:** A1 is fouled by B1 on his shot for a field goal. This is Team B's 10<sup>th</sup> team foul. Being upset, A1 then commits an Unsportsmanlike Foul on B1.

a. This is A1's first Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-18.1:** The penalties for both fouls are not equal. The game shall be resumed with 2 free throws for A1, followed by 2 free throws for B1 and a check-ball for Team A.

a. This is A1's second Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-18.2:** The penalties for both fouls are equal and shall cancel each other.

- If the field goal is scored, it shall count and the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B.
- If the field goal is not scored and the ball was in the air when the foul occurred, the game shall be

resumed with a check-ball for Team B (because of a jump ball situation).

- If the field goal is not scored and Team A was still in ball possession when the foul occurred, the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. The shot clock shall not be reset.

**Example 7-19:** A1 is fouled by B1 on his shot for a field goal. This is Team B's 10<sup>th</sup> team foul. Being upset, A1 then commits a Disqualifying Foul on B1.

**Interpretation 7-19:** The penalties for both fouls are equal and shall cancel each other.

- If the field goal is scored, it shall count and the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B.
- If the field goal is not scored and the ball was in the air when the foul occurred, the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B (because of a jump ball situation).
- If the field goal is not scored and Team A was still in ball possession when the foul occurred, the game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. The shot clock shall not be reset.

**Example 7-20:** A1 dribbles with 6 seconds left in the shot clock. B1 commits the team B 7<sup>th</sup> team foul. After that A1 swings his elbow and is charged with

- a. his first Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-20.1:** The penalties for both fouls are equal and shall cancel each other. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. The shot clock shall not be reset.

- a. his second Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-20.2:** The penalties for the two fouls are not equal. A1 shall be disqualified for his second Unsportsmanlike Foul. The game shall be resumed with 2 free throws for Team A, followed by 2 free throws for B1 and a check-ball for Team B.

**Example 7-21:** A1 dribbles with 6 seconds left in the shot clock. B1 commits the team B 10<sup>th</sup> team foul. After that A1 swings his elbow and is charged with

- a. his first Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-21.1:** The penalties for both fouls are not equal. The game shall be resumed with 2 free throws for A1, followed by 2 free throws for B1 and a check-ball for Team A.

- b. his second Unsportsmanlike Foul and Team A's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-21.2:** The penalties for the two fouls are equal and shall cancel each other. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. The shot clock shall not be reset.

**Example 7-22:** B1 pushes A1 to the floor and is called for an Unsportsmanlike Foul. After A1 stands up from the floor, A1 pushes B1 to the floor and is also called for an Unsportsmanlike Foul. This is A1's first Unsportsmanlike Foul and B1's second Unsportsmanlike Foul.

**Interpretation 7-22:** B1 shall be disqualified for his second Unsportsmanlike Foul. Neither was the situation called as a Double Unsportsmanlike Foul, nor are the penalties for both fouls equal. Therefore, the penalties shall not cancel each other. The game shall be resumed with 2 free throws for A1, followed by 2 free throws for Team B and a check-ball for Team A.

**Example 7-23** A1 is holding the ball. A2 and B2 are fighting for position in the low-post area. A Double Foul is called on A2 and B2. This is Team A's 5<sup>th</sup> team foul and Team B's 7<sup>th</sup> team foul.

**Interpretation 7-23:** The equal penalties for a double foul shall always cancel each other irrespective of the number of team fouls. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. The shot clock shall not be

reset. The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team A.

**Example 7-24:** A1 is holding the ball. A2 and B2 are fighting for position in the low-post area. A Double Unsportsmanlike Foul is called on A2 and B2. This is A2's first and B2's second Unsportsmanlike Foul.

**Interpretation 7-24:** The penalties for a double foul shall always cancel each other irrespective of whether it is the first or second Unsportsmanlike Foul of a player. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team A. The shot clock shall not be reset. The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team A.

## **Art. 8 How the Ball is played**

**8.1.** Following each successful field goal or last free throw (except those followed by ball possession):

- A player from a non-scoring team shall resume the game by dribbling or passing the ball from inside the court directly underneath the basket (not from behind the end line) to a place on the court behind the arc.
- The defensive team is not allowed to play for the ball in the "no-charge semi-circle area" underneath the basket.

**8.2.** Following each unsuccessful field goal or last free throw (except those followed by ball possession):

- If the offensive team rebounds the ball, it may continue to attempt to score without returning the ball behind the arc.
- If the defensive team rebounds the ball, it must return the ball behind the arc (by passing or dribbling).

**8.3.** If the defensive team steals or blocks the ball, it must return the ball behind the arc (by passing or dribbling)

**8.4.** Possession of the ball given to either team following any dead ball situation shall start with a check-ball, i.e. an exchange of the ball (between the defensive and the offensive player) behind the arc at the top of the court.

**8.5.** A player is considered to be "behind the arc" when neither of his feet is inside or on the arc line.

**8.6.** In the event of a jump ball situation, the ball shall be awarded to the defensive team.

### **Statement 1:**

After a scored basket all actions with the intent to delay the game shall lead to an immediate warning. Any subsequent attempt to delay the game by an already warned team shall lead to a **Technical Foul**.

**Example 8-1:** After A1's successful field goal, B1 collects the ball to resume the game. A2 inside the no-charge semi-circle starts **playing clear defense** against B1.

- a. Team A had not received a warning for delay of the game prior to **A2's** action.

**Interpretation 8-1.1:** The Referee shall give an official warning to Team A **for delay of the game**.

- b. Team A had already received a warning for delay of the game prior to **A2's** action.

**Interpretation 8-1.2:** Team A shall be immediately charged with a Technical Foul **for delay of the game**.

**Example 8-2:** After A1's successful field goal, B1 tries to collect the ball to resume the game. A2 inside the no-charge semi-circle starts preventing B1 from collecting the ball without **contacting** B1.

- a. Team A had not received a warning for delay of the game prior to **A2's** action.

**Interpretation 8-2.1:** The Referee shall give an official warning to Team A for delay of the game.

- b. Team A had already received a warning for delay of the game prior to this action.

**Interpretation 8-2.2:** Team A shall be immediately charged with a Technical Foul for delay of the game.

**Example 8-3:** After A1's successful field goal, Team B does not immediately try to collect the ball.

- a. Team B had not received a warning for delay of the game prior to **Team B's** action.

**Interpretation 8-3.1:** The Referee shall stop the game to avoid stalling and give an official warning to Team B for delay of the game. Check Ball for Team B.

- b. Team B had already received a warning for delay of the game prior to **Team B's** action.

**Interpretation 8-3.2:** Team B shall be immediately charged with a Technical Foul for delay of the game.

**Example 8-4:** After A1's successful field goal, B1 touches the ball with his leg and the ball goes out of bounds.

- a. B1's touch happens accidentally.

**Interpretation 8-4.1:** Check-ball for Team B.

- b. B1's touch happens deliberately.

**Interpretation 8-4.2:** If Team B had not received a warning for delay of the game yet, the Referee shall give a warning to Team B and the game shall continue with a check-ball for Team B. If Team B had already received a warning for delay of the game, a Technical Foul shall be charged against Team B.

**Example 8-5:** After A1's successful field goal, B1 collects the ball and then

- a. Touches the end line with one foot.

**Interpretation 8-5.1:** **This is B1's out-of-bounds** violation, check-ball for Team A.


- b. Makes 3 steps before starting the dribble.

**Interpretation 8-5.2:** **This is B1's travelling** violation, check-ball for Team A.

**Example 8-6:** After A1's successful field goal, B1 passes the ball to B2 inside the 1-point field goal area. B2 attempts a field goal.

**Interpretation 8-6:** As soon as the ball leaves B2's hands, the Referee shall call a "No-cleared ball" violation as B2 had no right to attempt a field goal.

**Video Example:**

- **No-clear Violation** 

**Example 8-7:** After A1's unsuccessful shot for a field goal, B1 rebounds the ball and dribbles for 8 seconds inside the 1-point field goal area. Before the ball is cleared, B1 is fouled by A1.

**Interpretation 8-7:** The foul shall count, as Team B has the right to clear the ball until the shot clock period expires.

**Example 8-8:** A1's shot is blocked by B1. B2 recovers the ball and penetrates towards the basket without having cleared the ball. Immediately after the ball has left B2's hands for a lay-up shot, B2 is fouled by A3. The

lay-up shot is successful.

**Interpretation 8-8:** This is “No-cleared ball” violation as Team B has no right to attempt a field goal. The goal shall not count. Check ball for Team A. The defensive foul shall be disregarded, unless called as an Unsportsmanlike or Disqualifying Foul.

**Example 8-9:** In his attempt to clear the ball, A1 is dribbling with one of his feet outside the 1-point field goal area. Then he lifts the other foot off the floor.

**Interpretation 8-9:** The ball is cleared, because neither of A1’s feet is inside nor on the arc.

**Example 8-10:** During the check-ball at the top of the arc between B1 and A1, B1 throws the ball out-of-reach of A1.

- a. Team B had not received a warning for delay of the game prior to B1’s action.

**Interpretation 8-10.1:** The Referee shall give an official warning to Team B. A1 must receive the ball behind the arc. B1 shall hand the ball over or bounce the ball to A1 with a normal basketball pass.

- b. Team B had already received a warning for delay of the game prior to this action.

**Interpretation 8-10.2:** Team B shall be immediately charged with a Technical Foul.

**Example 8-11:** During the check-ball, B1 positions himself too close to A1.

**Interpretation 8-11:** The Referee shall not allow resuming the game until there is a reasonable distance (approx. 1 metre) between A1 and B1.

**Example 8-12:** During the check-ball between B1 and A1, B1 is swiping at the ball before A1 takes control of the ball.


- a. Team B had not received a warning for delay of the game prior to this action.

**Interpretation 8-12.1:** The Referee shall give an official warning to Team B for delay of the game. A1 must take control of the ball before B1 can actively play for the ball. The shot clock and the game clock shall be corrected if time elapsed.

- b. Team B had already received a warning for delay of the game prior to B1’s action.

**Interpretation 8-12.2:** Team B shall be immediately charged with a Technical Foul.

**Video Example:**

Delay of the Game – Warning/Technical Foul 

**Example 8-13:** A1 is dribbling when B1 taps the ball and both players are running for the ball. Then A1 and B1 put their hands firmly on the ball. The Referee calls a jump ball.

**Interpretation 8-13:** The defensive team shall be awarded the ball, in this case Team B.

**Example 8-14:** A1 attempts a shot for a field goal. After the ball has touched the ring, A2 and B3, jumping for the rebound, land on the court with both of them having both hands firmly on the ball. The Referee calls a jump ball.

**Interpretation 8-14:** The ball shall be awarded to Team B, as Team A had the last possession of the ball. The team that did not have the last possession of the ball is considered the defensive team.



**Example 8-15:** While Team A has possession of the ball, the game is stopped by the Referee because of:

- a. The court surface is damaged.

**Interpretation 8-15-1:** The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team A and with the actual remaining time on the shot clock.

- b. Player A1 is injured and requires immediate attention.

**Interpretation 8-15-2:** The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team A and with the actual remaining time on the shot clock.

- c. Player B1 is injured and requires immediate attention.

**Interpretation 8-15-3:** The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team A and with a new shot clock period of 12 seconds.

**Example 8-16:** Team A scores a field goal. B1 takes control of the ball inside the semi-circle but does not actively make the effort to leave the semi-circle area.

**Interpretation 8-16:** The Referee shall strictly apply the 3-second rule as soon as B1 takes control of the ball in the restricted area.

### **Art. 9 Stalling**

**9.1.** Stalling or failing to play actively (i.e. not attempting to score) shall be a violation.

**9.2.** If the court is equipped with a shot clock, a team must attempt a shot within 12 seconds. The shot clock shall start as soon as the ball is in the offensive players' hands (following the exchange with the defensive player or after a successful field goal underneath the basket).

**9.3** It is a violation, if after the ball has been cleared an offensive player is dribbling inside the arc with the back or side to the basket for more than 5 seconds.

*Note: If the court is not equipped with a shot clock and a team is not sufficiently trying to attack the basket, the referee shall give the offensive team a warning by counting the last 5 seconds.*

#### **Statement 1:**

If the court is not equipped with a shot clock, Art. 9.1 shall be enforced by the Referee by warning the team by counting down the last 5 seconds. In case the court is equipped with a shot clock, Art. 9.2 shall be applied in regard to stalling and failing to play actively.

#### **Statement 2:**

A player re-arranging any of his equipment (tying shoe laces etc.) shall be substituted immediately and may re-enter the game only in the next dead ball situation. Refusal to leave the court after being requested by the referee to do so shall result in a Technical Foul.

**Example 9-1:** After the ball has been cleared, A1 is dribbling inside the 1-point field goal area, close to the 2-point field goal line, with the back to the basket for more than 5 seconds.

**Interpretation 9-1:** This is A1's stalling violation. Check-ball for Team B.

**Example 9-2:** A1, holding a live ball outside the 1-point field goal area, passes the ball to A2 close to the basket. A2 dribbles for 3 seconds inside the restricted area.

**Interpretation 9-2:** This is 3-second violation. Check-ball for Team B.

#### **Art. 10 Substitutions**

Any team is allowed for a substitution when the ball becomes dead and prior to the check-ball or free throw. The substitute can enter the game after his teammate steps off the court and establishes a physical contact with him. The substitutions can only take place behind the end line opposite the basket and the substitutions require no action from the referees or table officials.

**Example 10-1:** After A1's successful field goal, B4 substitutes B1 while the game clock is running.

**Interpretation 10-1:** B1's substitution shall not be allowed. After a field goal, the ball does not become dead and is available for Team B. Team B shall be immediately penalised with a Technical Foul.

**Example 10-2:** A1 is awarded 2 free throws. B4 substitutes B1 between the first and second free throw before the ball is handed over to A1 for his second free throw.

**Interpretation 10-2:** B1's substitution shall be granted since the ball is dead.

#### **Art. 11 Time-outs**

**11.1.** Each team is granted 1 team time-out. Any player or substitute can call the time-out in a dead ball situation.

**11.2.** In case of TV production, the organizer may decide to apply 2 additional TV time-outs that shall be called at the first dead ball after the game clock shows 6:59 and 3:59 respectively in all games.

**11.3.** All time-outs shall have a length of 30 seconds.

*Note: The time-outs and substitutions can only be called in dead ball situations and cannot be called when the ball is live (Art. 8.1).*

**Example 11-1:** After A1's successful field goal in the overtime, B1 requests a time-out.

**Interpretation 11-1:** The ball does not become dead after a valid field goal and is available for Team B. Therefore, the time-out shall not be granted to Team B until the ball becomes dead. The game shall continue with a check-ball. If Team B has not used the time-out during the regular playing time, in the overtime the request can be granted at the dead ball situation.

### **Art. 12 Use of Video Material**

**12.1.** Insofar available, the Instant Replay System (“IRS”) may be used by the referee during a game to review:

1. The score keeping or any malfunction of the game clock or shot clock at any time during the game.
2. If a last shot for a field goal at the end of the regular playing time was released on time and/or whether that shot for a field goal counts for 1 or 2 points.
3. Any game situation in the last 30 seconds of the regular playing time or the overtime of the game.
4. A Challenge request by a team.

**12.2.** In case of a team’s protest (Art. 13), the official video materials may be used only to decide if a last shot for a field goal at the end of the game was released during playing time and/or whether that shot for a field goal counts for 1 or 2 points.

*Note: A Challenge request will only be possible in Olympic Games, World Cup (Open category only) and World Tour as well as if foreseen by the respective competition’s regulation and subject to the IRS availability.*

### **Statement 1:**

In case an IRS is available in Olympic Games, **Olympic Qualifying Tournaments**, World Cup (only Open category) and World Tour as well as if foreseen by the respective competition’s regulation, any player of any team may request a video review (“Challenge”) in one of the below listed situations.

Only a score and/or a call by the Referee can **be** challenged. A no-call not leading to a score cannot be challenged. **The situations** when a Challenge may be requested by a team during the game are **as follows** (exhaustive list):

- Verify whether a successful shot was released before or after the shot clock expired.
- Identify the player who caused the ball to go out-of-bounds when such **violation** is called in the last 2 minutes or overtime of a game. A Challenge cannot be requested if the Referee did not call an out-of-bounds violation.
- Verify if a player has committed an out-of-bounds violation when such **violation** is called in the last 2 minutes or overtime of a game. A Challenge cannot be requested if the Referee did not call an out-of-bounds violation.
- Verify if a player had cleared the ball after a new team possession.
- Verify if the possession of the ball had changed or if the ball **was/was not** cleared before a shot attempt.
- Verify whether a shot for a field goal shall **count and if yes, whether** it counts for 1 or 2 points. Only the Act of Shooting shall be reviewable.
- Verify whether **a foul** called **on the shooter** shall be awarded 1 or 2 free throws.

To request a Challenge, the player shall use his voice saying loud and clear “Challenge” and indicating a “C” using his thumb and index finger. The Challenge can only be requested immediately during the next ball possession of a team or **at** the next dead-ball situation after the action occurred whichever happens first. If the Challenge is not requested the next time the team **has gained** possession after the situation occurred or **at** the first dead ball after the situation occurred, the Challenge request shall be refused.

**During the Referee’s review, all players shall stay away from the scorers’ table.**

If after the review the Referee’s decision is confirmed and **it** remains unchanged (“Challenge lost”), the team shall lose **its** Challenge right for the rest of the game.

If after the review the Referee’s decision is corrected and changed (“Challenge won”), the team shall retain **its** Challenge right.

If the video material is not clear, the Referee’s decision shall remain unchanged **and** the team shall retain its

Challenge right.

**Statement 2:**

The Sport Supervisor may serve as a source of advice for the Referee for determining the correct decision, however the final decision shall be taken by the Referee.

To request the attention of the Referee, the Sports Supervisor may only stop the game after a valid goal scored, without placing any team in disadvantage.

**Example 12-1:** A1 attempts a successful shot for a field goal near the end of the shot clock period when the shot clock signal sounds. Team B takes control of the ball. A1 commits a foul. B1 requests a Challenge on A1's goal scored.

**Interpretation 12-1:** B1's Challenge request for verifying whether A1's successful shot was released on time shall be granted.

1. If the Challenge is won, A1's goal shall not count and A1's foul shall be cancelled (unless TF, UF or DF). The game clock shall be reset to the time when the shot clock violation occurred. The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team B (unless a TF, UF or DF was called)
2. If the Challenge is lost, A1's goal and foul shall count. The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team B (unless the foul is leading to a free throw situation). The game clock shall not be reset.

**Example 12-2:** A1 attempts an unsuccessful shot for a field goal near the end of the shot clock period when the shot clock signal sounds. A2 rebounds the ball and scores. During team B's first ball possession after A2's goal scored, B1 requests a Challenge for verifying whether A1's unsuccessful shot for a field goal was released on time.

**Interpretation 12-2:** The Challenge request shall not be granted. Only a successful shot for a field goal can be challenged to verify whether the shot was released on time or not.

**Example 12-3:** A1 attempts a shot for a field goal near the end of the shot clock period. The shot has missed the ring and the shot clock is erroneously reset. A2 rebounds the ball and scores. Team B takes possession of the ball. B1 requests a Challenge on the erroneous reset of the shot clock.

**Interpretation 12-3:** The Challenge request shall not be granted. Only the Referee can decide to review a malfunction of the shot clock.

**Example 12-4:** A1 rebounds the ball after Team B shot for a field goal. A1 dribbles towards the basket without clearing the ball and attempts a successful shot for a field goal. Team B takes control of the ball. A1 commits a foul. B1 requests a Challenge on Team A not clearing the ball.

**Interpretation 12-4:** The Challenge request shall be granted.

1. If the Challenge is won, A1's goal shall not count and A1's foul shall be cancelled (unless TF, UF or DF). The game clock shall be reset to the time when the clearing violation occurred. The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team B (unless a TF, UF or DF was called).
2. If the Challenge is lost, A1's goal and foul shall count. The game shall continue with a check-ball for Team B (unless the foul is leading to a free throw situation). The game clock shall not be reset.

**Example 12-5:** A1 rebounds the ball after Team B shot for a field goal. A1 dribbles towards the basket without clearing the ball and attempts an unsuccessful shot for a field goal. A2 rebounds the ball and scores. During team B's first ball possession, after A2's goal scored, B1 requests a Challenge on Team A not clearing the ball.

**Interpretation 12-5:** The Challenge request shall be granted. B1 requested the Challenge during Team B's next ball possession.

**Example 12-6:** A1 dribbles and fumbles the ball. B1 and A1 are running for the ball. A1 pushes B1. A foul is called on A1, Team A's 8<sup>th</sup> team foul. The 2 free throws are erroneously awarded to B1. A2 requests a Challenge on no loss of the ball control.

**Interpretation 12-6:** The Challenge request shall be granted. The free throws shall be cancelled as A1's foul shall be considered as an offensive foul of a team in control of the ball. The game shall be resumed with a check-ball for Team B.

**Example 12-7:** A1 scores a goal from the 2-point field goal area. During his Act of Shooting A1 touches the side line. Team B takes possession of the ball and requests a Challenge on validity of the goal.

**Interpretation 12-7:** The Challenge request shall be granted. The Act of Shooting is reviewable. The goal shall be cancelled and the game shall continue with a check-ball for Team B. The game clock shall be reset to the time when the out-of-bounds violation occurred.

**Example 12-8:** A1 is fouled during the Act of Shooting close to the 2-point field goal line.

- a. The Referee awards 1 free throw to A1. Team A requests a Challenge on whether it was a 1- or 2-point field goal attempt.
- b. The Referee awards 2 free throws to A1. Team B requests a Challenge on whether it was a 1- or 2-point field goal attempt.

**Interpretation 12-8:** In both cases the Challenge request shall be granted. The Act of Shooting is reviewable. The Referee shall review whether the Act of Shooting took place from behind the arc or not.

**Example 12-9:** A1 is fouled during the Act of Shooting close to the 2-point field goal line. The Referee awards 2 free throws to A1. Team B requests a Challenge on the validity of the shot attempt.

**Interpretation 12-9:** The Challenge request shall be granted. The Act of Shooting is reviewable. The Referee shall review whether an out-of-bounds violation during the Act of Shooting or the expiration of the shot clock or game time during the Act of Shooting occurred. The Referee's judgement calls cannot be reviewed.

**Example 12-10:** With 5:30 min to the end of the game A1 and B2 are reaching for the ball. The ball goes out-of-bounds and the Referee awards the ball to Team A. Team B requests a Challenge on which player caused the ball to go out-of-bounds.

**Interpretation 12-10:** The Challenge request shall not be granted. A Challenge request to identify the player who caused the ball to go out-of-bounds shall only be granted in the last 2 minutes or overtime of a game.

**Example 12-11:** A1 close to the sideline receives a pass from A2. A1 drives to the basket and scores a goal. B1 takes new possession of the ball and requests an out-of-bounds Challenge claiming A1 was out-of-bounds when he received the pass from A2.

**Interpretation 12-11:** The Challenge request shall not be granted. A no-call leading to a score cannot be challenged.

### **Art.13 Protest Procedure**

In case a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of an official or by any event that took place during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:

1. A player of that team shall sign the score sheet immediately at the end of the game and before the referee signs it.
2. Within 30 minutes, the team should present a written explanation of the case, as well as a security deposit of 200 USD to the Sports Supervisor. If the protest is accepted, the security deposit is refunded.

### **Statement:**

Only the official game video **provided** by the official event organiser shall be considered **in the case of protest**.

### **Art. 14 Standings of Teams**

For both in pools and in overall competition standings (other than standings in tours), the following classification rules shall apply.

If teams that have reached the same stage of the competition are tied, the steps to break the tie shall be applied in the following order:

1. Most wins (or win ratio in case of unequal number of games in inter-pool comparison).
2. Head-to-head comparison (only taking win/loss into account and applies within a pool only).
3. Most points scored in average (without considering winning scores of forfeits).

If teams are still tied after those 3 steps, the team(s) with the highest seeding win(s) the tie-breaker.

The standings in tours (whereas tours are defined as series of connected tournaments) shall be calculated for the tours denominator, i.e. either players (if players can create new teams in each tournament) or teams (if players are bound to one team for the whole tour). The tour standings order is as follows:

- i. Standings in final event or prior to it, being actually qualified to tour final.
- ii. Tour standing points collected for final standings at each tour stop.
- iii. Most wins collected in the tour (or win ratio in case of unequal number of games).
- iv. Most points scored in average during the tour (without considering winning scores of forfeits).
- v. Seeding for tie-breaking purposes will be a tour seeding done simultaneously with each specific event seeding.

Irrespectively of tournament size, tour points are awarded in each tour's tournament for tour standing purposes:

Tournament standing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17-32	33+
Tour points	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	3	1

*Note: Tour seedings are done with all the teams participating in a tour irrespectively if they shall play or not at the next event.*

### **Statement:**

A team disqualified by the organizer due to a default or 2 forfeits in a competition or for disciplinary reasons shall not be awarded individual ranking points and shall be displayed as "DQF" at the bottom of pool and final standings. The results and statistics of games already played shall be kept.

If a team is disqualified after a **direct elimination** game that it had won, the **losing** team shall be the winner of **the game** keeping their game score as it stands, whilst the disqualified team's score is set to 0. The new winning team shall advance to the next round and complete the bracket.

**Example 14-1:** After **all pool games have ended**, Team A and Team B both finish with a:

- a. Record of 2-2. Team A is ranked ahead of Team B in the pool because of the head-to-head comparison. Both teams shall advance to the elimination round and both of them are eliminated after their first **direct** elimination game. In the final standings, Team B (17.5 points scored on average) is ranked ahead of Team A (16.5 points scored on average).

**Interpretation 14-1-1:** The final standings are correct. The head-to-head comparison is only applied in the pools, but not in the final standings. With both teams finishing with a 2-3 record, Team B is ranked ahead of Team A due to the higher scoring average.

- b. Record of 1-2. Team A is ranked ahead of Team B in the pool because of the head-to-head comparison. Both teams shall not advance to the elimination round. In the final standings, Team B (17.5 points scored on average) is ranked ahead of Team A (16.5 points scored on average).

**Interpretation 14-1-2:** The final standings are correct. The head-to-head comparison is only applied in the pools, but not in the final standings. With both teams finishing with a 1-2 record, Team B is ranked ahead of Team A due to the higher scoring average.

#### **Art. 15 Seeding Rules**

Teams are seeded correlatively to the team ranking points (sum of the team's 3 best players ranking points prior to the competition). In case of a same team ranking points, seeding shall be determined randomly prior to the competition.

*Note: In national team competitions, seeding shall be done based on the 3x3 Federation Ranking.*

#### **Art. 16 Disqualification**

Any player committing 2 unsportsmanlike fouls (not applicable to technical fouls) shall be disqualified from the game and may be further disqualified from the event by the organizer. Independent thereof, the organizer shall disqualify the player(s) concerned from the event for acts of violence, verbal or physical aggression, tortuous interference in game results, a violation of FIBA's Anti-Doping rules (Book 4 of the FIBA Internal Regulations) or any other breach of the FIBA Code of Ethics (Book 1, Chapter 3 of the FIBA Internal Regulations). The organizer may also disqualify the entire team from the event depending on that team's other members' contribution (also through non-action) to the aforementioned behavior. FIBA's right to impose disciplinary sanctions under the regulatory framework of the event, the Terms and Conditions of play.fiba3x3.com and the FIBA Internal Regulations remains unaffected by any disqualification under this Art. 16.

**Example 16-1:** With 9:38 on the game clock, A1 and B1 push each other and the Referee calls a Double Unsportsmanlike Foul against them. With 0:25 on the game clock, A1 fouls B2 by an excessive contact. A1 is charged with an Unsportsmanlike Foul.

**Interpretation 16-1:** A1 shall be disqualified for committing 2 Unsportsmanlike Fouls. A1 must immediately leave the court and may be further disqualified from the event by the organizer.

**Example 16-2:** With 9:15 on the game clock, A3 delays deliberately the continuation of the game after a **goal** scored. Since Team A was already warned for the same reason, **the Referee charges Team A with a Technical**

**Foul.** With 0:25 on the game clock, A3 disrespectfully addresses the Referee and a Technical Foul is called.

**Interpretation 16-2:** A3 shall not be disqualified for committing 2 Technical Fouls. The 2 Technical Fouls shall be charged against Team A and shall count as team fouls in the game.

#### **Art. 17 Adaption to U12 Categories**

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The following adaptations to the rules are recommended in U12 categories:

1. Insofar possible, the basket may be lowered to 2.60 m.
2. The first team to score in overtime wins the game.
3. No shot clock is used. If a team is not sufficiently trying to attack the basket, the referee shall give them a warning by counting the last 5 seconds.
4. Penalty situations are not applicable. All fouls are followed by check-ball, except those in act of shooting, technical fouls and unsportsmanlike fouls.
5. No time-outs are granted.

*Note: The flexibility offered by the note of Art 6. to be discretionally applied as considered convenient.*

#### **Statement 1:**

The games of categories U12 and younger can be played with a size 5 basketball.