

FIBA have updated the rules, effective 1 October 2018.

A copy of these, together with these and interpretations have been added to our website – <http://nz.basketball/Get-Involved/Officials/Rules>

A summary of rule changes is included with this, but I have noted below further information on some of the changes:

Shot Clock – there have been several changes in relation to this. It is imperative that all coaches, players, referees and score bench personnel familiarise themselves with these.

Uniform (Article 4)

- At all BBNZ Events, arm and leg compression sleeves are permitted, however these must be of the same, one solid colour, for every team member who chooses to wear these. I.e. they all must be black, or white (or alternative colour).
- T-shirts are NOT permitted (regardless of whether you have a medical certificate).

Double foul (Article 35)

- The major change with this is that both fouls must have the same penalty to be considered a double foul.

Generally, we have seen double fouls called when the offensive and defensive player do not desist with over physical play. This may be for example in the post. Referees simply called a double foul and the ball was given back to the offensive team.

With the new rule, the initial double foul signal will be made. Referees must then determine if there is a different penalty for each foul – i.e. is one team in the bonus and the other not. That being the case, this is no longer a double foul and is dealt with as a special situation (Article 42).

For Example:

Team A has 2 team fouls and team B has 5 team fouls in the quarter. Dribbler A1 and defender B1 now commit a foul at approximately the same time.

In this case the penalties are not equal and therefore it is not a double foul. A1's foul is penalised with a team B throw-in. B1's foul is penalised with 2 free throws for A1. The officials shall apply the special situations rule and decide which foul has occurred first.

If B1's is first – A 1 shall attempt 2 free throws with no line-up. The game shall be resumed with a team B throw-in from the place nearest where the fouls occurred.

If A1's is first – B throw in is cancelled. A1 attempts 2 free throws and the game is resumed as after any last free throw.

Throw-In (Article 17)

- All throw-ins from USF or DQF now take place at the throw-in line in the front court (rather than half way). The team shall have 14 seconds on the shot clock.
- In the last 2 minutes of the fourth period and in any extra period, on a throw-in the defensive player shall not move any part of their body over the line to interfere with the throw-in. To do so is a Technical Foul.

(Referees – when administering throw-ins, at this time, use a preventative signal (refer to signals))

Time-Out (Art 29.2.3)

Following a Time-Out taken by the team entitled to the ball from their backcourt in the last 2 minutes of the fourth period and in any extra period, the coach of the team now has the right to decide whether the ball will be taken in the backcourt or the frontcourt.

The procedure for this will be, at the 50 second mark of the time out, when teams are requested to return to the court, the coach or assistant coach shall advise referees as to where the ball will be taken.

Note: The shot-clock is reset to 14 seconds should the ball be advanced to the frontcourt. (Referees – the ball shall be placed at half way during the time out).

Technical Foul (Article 36)

The penalty for a TF is now one shot. The free throw is shot and then the ball returned to where the game was interrupted.