



## GUIDES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF THE RULES 2020

The Official FIBA Basketball Rules 2018 and FIBA Official Interpretations of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2018 are valid for all game situations not specifically mentioned in the listed below.

### A. The Game Officials and Duties of the Officials

- a. The game officials shall be a Crew Chief, Referee, Umpire and Commissioner. They shall be assisted by the table officials.
- b. The table officials shall be a scorer, an assistant scorer, a timer and a shot clock operator. All officials shall be approved by the League Office.
- c. The officials shall wear the uniform prescribed by the TBA.
- d. Officials must meet with team captains prior to the start of the game at least 10 minutes.
- e. The designated official shall toss the ball at the start of the game.
- f. In the event that a violation and foul occur at the same time, the foul will take precedence

### B. Players, Substitutes, Head coaches and accompanying delegation

- a. Team captains must meet with officials prior to the start of the game at least 10 minutes.
- b. The head 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.

The head 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.

- c. The head 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.
- d. Any club personnel not seated on the bench must conduct themselves in a manner that would reflect favorably on the dignity of the game and the officials. Violations by any of the personnel indicated shall require a written report to the League Office for subsequent action.
- e. If a player, head coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members is suspended from a game or games, he shall not at any time before, during or after such game or games appear in any part of the arena or stands where his team is playing. A player, coach or assistant coach who is ejected may only remain in the dressing room of his team during the remainder of the game, or leave the building. A violation of this rule shall call for an automatic fine of ฿10,000.

### C. Players Jerseys

- a. The uniform of the 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.
  - Shorts of the same dominant colour front and back as the shirt.
- b. Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of his jersey with a number contrasting with the color 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.

: Any advertising or logo shall be at least 5 cm away from the numbers.  
 c. Each player shall have his surname affixed to the back of his game jersey in letters at least 6 cm in height.

d. Socks need to be visible.

No T-shirts are allowed.

e. Accessories : The following are permitted:

- Arm and leg compression sleeves.
- Base layer (short sleeve).

All players on the team must have all their arm and leg compression sleeves, headgear, base layer (short sleeve), wristbands and headbands and tapings of the same solid colour.

f. Any other equipment not specifically mentioned in this article must be approved by the TBA Technical Commission.

#### **D. Timeouts**

a. **Only a Head coach** has the right to request a time-out. He shall establish visual contact with the officials or scorer.

### **Violations and Penalties**

**Own pass violations:** A player may not be the first to touch his **own pass** unless the ball touches his backboard, basket ring or another player.

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.

### **Fouls and Penalties**

#### **A. Number of Players**

If the ball is put into play and remains in play with one team having a team total of less or more than five players on the court, a non-unsportsmanlike technical foul will be assessed on the commit an offense team.

Exception: If the violation occurs on (1) a free throw attempt which is to be followed by another free throw attempt, or (2) a free throw attempt that is not going to remain in play, (3) throw-in before the ball is released, (4) jump ball before the ball is released.

The head coach is responsible for ensuring that a substitution is applied correctly and that the substituted player leaves the playing court immediately after the substitution.

#### **B. A delay-of-game such as:**

1. Preventing the ball from being promptly put into play.
2. Interfering with the ball after a successful field goal or free throw.
3. Touching the ball before the throw-in has been released.
4. A defender crossing the boundary line within the designated throw-in spot prior to the ball being released on a throw-in.
5. Failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearest official when a personal foul or violation is assessed.

The first offense is a warning. A technical foul (non unsportsmanlike conduct) shall be assessed with each successive offense and charged to the team.

Exception (A delay-of-game): In the last two minutes of the Quarter fourth and last two minutes of any overtime period, a technical foul will be assessed the defender IMMEDIATELY.

### C. Conduct

a. An official may assess a technical foul, without prior warning, at any time. A technical foul(s) may be assessed to any player on the court or anyone seated on the bench for conduct which, in the opinion of an official, is detrimental to the game. The technical foul must be charged to an individual.

A technical foul cannot be assessed for physical contact when the ball is alive.

EXCEPTION: Fighting fouls and/or taunting with physical contact.

b. A technical foul called for (1) Delay of game, (2) Bench area violations, (3) Having a team total of less or more than five players when the ball becomes alive, (4) A player hanging on the basket ring or backboard, (5) Fake being fouled or (6) Participation in the game when not on team's active list is not considered an act of unsportsmanlike conduct.

c. A technical foul shall be assessed for unsportsmanlike tactics such as:

1. Disrespectfully addressing an official.
2. Physically contacting an official.
3. Overt actions indicating resentment to a call or no-call.
4. Use of profanity.
5. A coach entering onto the court without permission of an official.
6. A deliberately-thrown elbow or any unnatural physical act towards an opponent with no contact involved.
7. Taunting.

d. Cursing or blaspheming an official shall not be considered the only cause for imposing technical fouls. Running tirades, continuous criticism or griping may be sufficient cause to assess a technical. Excessive misconduct shall result in ejection from the game.

e. Anyone guilty of illegal contact which occurs during a dead ball may be assessed

1. A technical foul, if the contact is deemed to be unsportsmanlike in nature, or
2. An unsportsmanlike foul, if unnecessary and/or excessive contact occurs.

f. A player, head coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members must be ejected for:

1. A punching foul.
2. An attempted punch or swing with no contact or a thrown elbow toward an opponent above shoulder level with no contact.
3. The deliberate act of throwing the ball or any object at an official.
4. Participation in the game when not on team's active list.

g. Any player who throws or kicks the ball directly into the stands with force, regardless of the reason or where it lands, will be assessed a technical foul and ejected. All other instances where the ball ends up in the stands will subject the player to a possible technical foul and ejection.

h. If a player blatantly taunts an opponent, a technical foul shall be assessed. The opponent WILL NOT, automatically, be assessed a technical foul. His behavior will be the determining factor.

Simultaneous taunting is a verbal altercation. Verbal altercations and unsportsmanlike conduct will be administered as a double technical foul and no free throws will be attempted.

### Fines - suspension

The purpose of this rule is to protect athletes from injuries that may be caused by severe fouls including demonstrate to the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play in professional game.

Anyone guilty of illegal, from an unsportsmanlike foul (Excessive/Hard contact), disqualifying foul including has been charged with technical foul (unsportsmanlike conduct), may result in penalty for fines and / or suspension

Technical foul: Unsportsmanlike conduct

(1) LEG 1-2

Technical Fouls #1-2 a warning letter

Each Additional Technical Foul ₪10,000 fine

(2) PLAYOFFS - FINAL

Technical Fouls #1 a warning letter

Each Additional Technical Foul ₪10,000 fine

(3) EJECTIONS

Ejection #1-2 ₪10,000 fine each

Each Subsequent Ejection ₪10,000 and/or one game suspension

**Unsportsmanlike foul** : violent contact

Unsportsmanlike foul #1 a warning letter

Each Subsequent unsportsmanlike foul ₪10,000 and/or one game suspension

**Disqualifying foul** :

Disqualifying foul #1 ₪10,000 fine each

Each Subsequent Ejection ₪10,000 and/or one game suspension

h. During an altercation 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.

PENALTY – ₪ 20,000 fine and/or 1-2 suspension.

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

PENALTY – ₪ 20,000 fine and/or 1-2 suspension.

The suspensions will commence prior to the start of their next game.

i. Any player or coach guilty of intentional physical contact with an official shall automatically be suspended without pay for one game. A fine and/or longer period of suspension will result if circumstances so dictate.

j. At halftime and the end of each game, the coach and his players are to leave the court and go directly to their dressing room, without pause or delay. There is to be absolutely no talking to game officials.

PENALTY – ₪ 10,000 fine for any violation.

### **Player Conduct - Spectators**

Any player, coach, assistant coach, substitutes, excluded players or accompanying delegation members who deliberately enters the spectator stands during the game will be assessed a non-unsportsmanlike technical foul. Entering the stands to keep a ball in play by a player or the momentum which carries the player into the stands is not considered deliberate. The first row of seats is considered the beginning of the stands.

### **Verbal Fan Interference**

Any spectator who verbally abuses players and/or coaches in a manner which, in the opinion of the game officials, interferes with the ability of a coach to communicate with his players during the game and/or huddles, will, at the direction of the crew chief, be given one warning by a building security officer. If the same spectator continues to behave in a like manner, the crew chief shall direct a building security officer to eject the spectator from the arena.

## Personal Foul

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.

### Contact Situations

Incidental contact with the hand against an offensive player shall be ignored if it does not affect the player's speed, quickness, balance and/or rhythm.

**Incidental Contact:** The mere fact that contact occurs does not necessarily constitute a foul. Contact which is incidental to an effort by a player to play an opponent, reach a loose ball, or perform normal defensive or offensive movements, should not be considered illegal. If, however, a player attempts to play an opponent from a position where he has no reasonable chance to perform without making contact with his opponent and a contact caused by a player in any way restricts the freedom of movement of an opponent the responsibility is on the player in this position.

The hand is considered **"part of the ball"** when it is in contact with the ball. Therefore, contact on that part of the hand by a defender while it is in contact with the ball is **legal**.

### A. A Foul by Dribbler

- a. A dribbler shall not
  1. Charge into an opponent who has established a legal guarding position.
  2. Attempt to dribble between two opponents.
  3. Attempt to dribble between an opponent and a boundary, where sufficient space is not available for illegal contact to be avoided.
- b. If a defender is able to establish a legal position in the straight line path of the dribbler, the dribbler must avoid contact by changing direction or ending his dribble.
- c. The dribbler must be in control of his body at all times. If illegal contact occurs, the responsibility is on the dribbler.

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.

### B. Unsportsmanlike foul: Excessive, hard contact criteria

The severity of the contact;

1. Whether or not the player was making a legitimate basketball play (e.g., whether a player is making a legitimate effort to block a shot; note, however, that a foul committed during a block attempt can still be considered flagrant if other criteria are present, such as recklessness and hard contact to the head);
2. Whether, on a foul committed with a player's arm or hand, the fouling player wound up and/or followed through after making contact;
3. The potential for injury resulting from contact (e.g., a blow to the head, a foul committed while a player is in a vulnerable position and 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).
4. The severity of any injury suffered by the offended player; and
5. The outcome of the contact (e.g., whether it led to an altercation).

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

### C. Disqualifying foul

A disqualifying foul is any flagrant unsportsmanlike action by a player, head coach or first assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or any accompanying delegation member. The disqualifying foul can be charged on:

- (a) A person from the opposing team, officials, table officials and commissioner.
- (b) Any member of his own team.
- (c) Anybody mentioned above for any intentional physical actions damaging game equipment.

When a first assistant coach, substitute, excluded player or any accompanying delegation member is disqualified. A disqualifying foul shall be charged on his head coach, entered as 'B2'. Any player from the opposing team shall attempt 2 free throws with no line-up.

The game shall be resumed with throw-in from the throw-in line in its frontcourt, that team shall have 14 seconds on the shot clock.

### OFFICIALS' SIGNALS

- A. The hand signals illustrated in these rules are the only valid TBA official signals.
- B. While reporting to the scorer's table it is strongly recommended to verbally support the communication



