

2004 FIBA Rules Changes

Substitutions

Either team may substitute following a violation. The substitution / timeout opportunity ends when the ball is at the disposal of the free thrower or at the disposal of a player making a throw-in.

Unsportsmanlike Fouls

A second unsportsmanlike foul committed by a player shall be considered a disqualifying foul. Two free throws would be awarded to the offended player, after which play shall resume with a team B throw-in at the center line extended opposite the scorer's table. A3 must go to the team A dressing room or leave the building.

Player Technical Fowl

A player technical penalty shall be two free throws followed by possession of the ball at the center line extended opposite the scorer's table. The penalty for technical fouls by players, coaches or bench personnel is now the same. Should the technical foul occur during the interval of play that precedes the first period (before the ball is legally tapped on the jump ball to open the game), then two shots are awarded without line-up and the game then begins with a jump ball. If the technical foul occurs in an interval of play prior to any other period, two shots are awarded and that team shall be awarded a throw-in to begin the following period. Note that the team entitled to the next alternating possession shall not lose that right because of the technical foul.

Jump Ball / Alternating Possession

The first period of the game shall begin with a jump ball. Each remaining period, including overtime, shall begin with an alternating possession throw-in by the team entitled to the next alternating possession.

Held Ball (Jump Ball Situation)

If a held ball occurs near a sideline or end line and, before the whistle blows, one player steps out-of-bounds in attempting to gain control of the ball, a held ball shall be called. This also applies to a held ball near the division line where one player steps into their back court. A whistle should sound immediately, a held ball called, and the alternating possession rule applied.

Faking

Falling down to fake being fouled is considered a technical foul, a warning will normally be given.

Standing In The Game

Only the coach may remain standing while the game is being played.