

YOU MAKE THE CALL

Below are case studies from the National Federated High School Basketball Rule Book.

In the following examples, the nomenclature of A1 to A5 is used to indicate the five offensive players on the playing court. B1 to B5 are the defensive players.

Answers to the questions below begin on page 4.

Question 1: A1 becomes confused outside the three point arc and throws the ball at the wrong basket. The ball goes in. What is the call?

Question 2: A1 becomes confused and starts to throw the ball at the wrong basket. Before A1 releases the throw B1 fouls A1. The ball goes into the basket. What is the call?

Question 3: The score is Team A 62 and Team B 61 when the horn sounds to end the fourth quarter. While the referee is still on the court, the coach of Team A, approaches the referee and directs obscene gestures at the referee. Is there a call?

Question 4: With three-tenths of a second remaining in the game, A1's throw-in is caught by A2, who is fouled as he/she throws the ball toward his basket. The foul occurred before the signal sounds indicating time has expired. The ball goes into the basket. What is your call?

Question 5: With three-tenths of a second remaining in the game, A1's throw-in is toward the basket where A2 is jumping beside the basket and taps the ball into the basket. B1 jumps with A1 and fouls A1 as he is tapping the ball. The foul occurred before the signal sounds indicating time has expired. The ball goes into the basket after the signal sounds. What is your call?

Question 6: With three-tenths of a second remaining in the game, A1's throw-in is toward the basket where A2 is jumping beside the basket to tap the ball in, except A2 never touches the ball and the ball goes into the basket directly from A1's throw from out of bounds. What is your call?

Question 7: B1 jumps in front of dribbler A1 and obtains a legal guarding position with both feet touching the court and facing A1. Dribbler A1 contact's B1's torso. What is your call?

Question 8: A1 is dribbling near the sideline when B1 obtains legal guarding position. B1 stays in the path of A1 but in doing so has one foot touching the sideline when A1 contacts B1 in the torso. What is your call?

Question 9: A1 jumps and releases the ball on a try for goal. B1 obtains a legal position in A1's path **after** A1 becomes airborne. Before A1 returns to the floor, airborne shooter A1 charges into B1. What is your call?

Question 10: A1 jumps and releases the ball on a try for goal. B1 obtains a legal position in A1's path **before** A1 became airborne on a layup. Before returning to the floor, airborne shooter A1 charges into B1. The ball goes into the basket. What is your call?

Question 11: A1 jumps and releases the ball on a try for goal. B1 obtains a legal position in A1's path **before** A1 becomes airborne. Before returning to the floor, airborne shooter A1 charges into B1. **Before** A1 contacts B1, B2 commits basket interference or goaltending. What is your call?

Question 12: B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting an unsuccessful 2 point try. What is the penalty?

Question 13: B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting a successful 2 point try. What is the penalty?

Question 14: B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting an unsuccessful 3 point try. What is the penalty?

Question 15: Since there can be no rebounds on the fouls shots for intentional fouls and technical fouls where must the other nine players be?

Question 16: Player A1 in the backcourt passes to A2 who is straddling the center court line. B2 is closely guarding A2. A2 passes back to A1 who is still in the backcourt. What is your call?

Question 17: Player A1 in the backcourt passes to A2 who is straddling the center court line. A2 lifts the foot that is in the backcourt, and then starts to dribble by pushing the ball down so that it bounces in the backcourt. What is your call?

Question 18: A1 in the frontcourt passes to A2 in the frontcourt. The pass is muffed by A2 and bounces off the official who is straddling the center court line. A2 catches the ball in the frontcourt without the ball touching the floor at anytime. The official rules this is a backcourt violation. Is the official correct?

Question 19: A1 is in the act of shooting when B2 fouls A2 away from the ball. A1 continues the shooting motion and scores. The official disallows the basket stating continuous motion only applies if the shooter is fouled. Is the official correct?

Question 20: A1, prior to dribbling, bounce passes the ball to A2. A2 does not see the pass and never touches the ball. A1 runs across the court and recovers the ball with both hands after the ball has hit the floor. A1 then begins a dribble. The official rules this is an illegal dribble. Is the official correct?

Question 21: A1's throw-in under the alternating possession procedure is caught simultaneously by A2 and B2 causing a held ball. The official awards the ball to Team B. Is the official correct?

Question 22: Team A has been in control of the ball for 7 seconds in the backcourt. A1 throws a pass which hits the floor in A's front court at 9 seconds. A2 gains control at 11 seconds. The official rules this is a 10 second violation. Is the official correct?

Question 23: A throw-in by A1 strikes B1 who is inbounds and rebounds in flight directly from B1 and then strikes A1 who is still out of bounds. Which team gets to throw the ball inbounds?

Question 24: During an alternating possession throw-in, thrower A1 holds the ball through the end-line plane and B1 grabs it, resulting in a held ball. What is the call?

Question 25: During an alternating possession throw-in, thrower A1's throw-in pass is illegally kicked by B2. The referee rules a kicking violation on B2 and awards the ball to Team A for a throw-in. The referee also instructs the scorer to not switch the arrow. Is the referee correct?

ANSWERS:

Question 1: A1 becomes confused outside the three point arc and throws the ball at the wrong basket. The ball goes in. What is the call?

Score 2 points for Team B. A field goal only counts for three points when it is a try toward one's own basket.

Question 2: A1 becomes confused and starts to throw the ball at the wrong basket. Before A1 releases the throw B1 fouls A1. The ball goes into the basket. What is the call?

Since the throw was not a try, the foul caused the ball to become dead immediately. The ball entered the basket after the play was dead so no points are scored. If Team B has less than 6 Team Fouls then Team A has a throw in nearest the spot of the foul. If Team B has 7 or more team fouls then A1 will shoot free throws.

Question 3: The score is Team A 62 and Team B 61 when the horn sounds to end the fourth quarter. While the referee is still on the court, the coach of Team A, approaches the referee and directs obscene gestures at the referee. Is there a call?

A technical foul is called on Team A's Coach. Team B will choose any team member to shoot two foul shots. If they make both, Team B will win 63 to 62. If they make only one then an overtime period will be played. If both shots are missed then Team A will win 62 to 61 unless the coach has more to say to you before you leave the visual confines of the playing area.

Question 4: With three-tenths of a second remaining in the game, A1's throw-in is caught by A2, who is fouled as he/she throws the ball toward his basket. The foul occurred before the signal sounds indicating time has expired. The ball goes into the basket. What is your call?

The basket does not count, because you cannot have a try with three-tenths remaining. However the foul occurred before the horn, so if Team A is in the bonus situation A2 will shoot a 1 and 1 or 2 foul shots. If Team A is not in the bonus then no foul shots.

Question 5: With three-tenths of a second remaining in the game, A1's throw-in is toward the basket where A2 is jumping beside the basket and taps the ball into the basket. B1 jumps with A1 and fouls A1 as he is tapping the ball. The foul occurred before the signal sounds indicating time has expired. The ball goes into the basket after the signal sounds. What is your call?

Score two points for A. If the foul shot will make a difference in the outcome of the game or determine if an overtime will be played then shoot the foul shot. Otherwise the game is over.

Question 6: With three-tenths of a second remaining in the game, A1's throw-in is toward the basket where A2 is jumping beside the basket to tap the ball in, except A2 never touches the ball and the ball goes into the basket directly from A1's throw from out of bounds. What is your call?

No points are scored. It is a violation to throw the ball directly into the basket from out of bounds. Since no one touched the ball the clock has not started and Team B gets the ball with .3 on the clock at the out of bounds spot A1 threw from.

Question 7: B1 jumps in front of dribbler A1 and obtains a legal guarding position with both feet touching the court and facing A1. Dribbler A1 contact's B1's torso. What is your call?

Player Control foul on A1.

Question 8: A1 is dribbling near the sideline when B1 obtains legal guarding position. B1 stays in the path of A1 but in doing so has one foot touching the sideline when A1 contacts B1 in the torso. What is your call?

Blocking foul on B1 because he cannot have a legal guarding position when he is out of bounds.

Question 9: A1 jumps and releases the ball on a try for goal. B1 obtains a legal position in A1's path **after** A1 becomes airborne. Before A1 returns to the floor, airborne shooter A1 charges into B1. What is your call?

Blocking foul on B1 since B1 did not obtain legal guarding position. If the ball went into the basket score the basket and award one foul shot. If the ball did not enter basket award two foul shots.

Question 10: A1 jumps and releases the ball on a try for goal. B1 obtains a legal position in A1's path **before** A1 became airborne on a layup. Before returning to the floor, airborne shooter A1 charges into B1. The ball goes into the basket. What is your call?

Player control foul on A1 and no basket can be scored.

Question 11: A1 jumps and releases the ball on a try for goal. B1 obtains a legal position in A1's path **before** A1 becomes airborne. Before returning to the floor, airborne shooter A1 charges into B1. **Before** A1 contacts B1, B2 commits basket interference or goaltending. What is your call?

Both the violation (basket interference) and the player control foul are penalized. The basket interference by B2 causes the ball to become dead immediately. The violation is penalized by awarding two points. The player control foul on A1 is also charged. Team B will be awarded the ball for a throw-in anywhere on the baseline.

Question 12: B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting an unsuccessful 2 point try. What is the penalty?

Two foul shots plus the ball out of bounds nearest the foul.

Question 13: B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting a successful 2 point try. What is the penalty?

Two foul shots plus the ball out of bounds nearest the foul.

Question 14: B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting an unsuccessful 3 point try. What is the penalty?

Three foul shots plus the ball out of bounds nearest the foul.

Question 15: Since there can be no rebounds on the fouls shots for intentional fouls and technical fouls where must the other nine players be?

The only restriction for players not lined up on the free throw lane is that they be behind the three point arc and foul line extended.

Question 16: Player A1 in the backcourt passes to A2 who is straddling the center court line. B2 is closely guarding A2. A2 passes back to A1 who is still in the backcourt. What is your call?

Since A2 is still in the backcourt this is legal. Continue the 10 second count.

Question 17: Player A1 in the backcourt passes to A2 who is straddling the center court line. A2 lifts the foot that is in the backcourt, and then starts to dribble by pushing the ball down so that it bounces in the backcourt. What is your call?

Backcourt violation, when A2 lifted his foot he obtained front court status. This would have been legal if A2 had lifted the foot that was in the front court.

Question 18: A1 in the frontcourt passes to A2 in the frontcourt. The pass is muffed by A2 and bounces off the official who is straddling the center court line. A2 catches the ball in the frontcourt without the ball touching the floor at anytime. The official rules this is a backcourt violation. Is the official correct?

Yes, the ball obtained backcourt status when it touched the official who was in the backcourt.

Question 19: A1 is in the act of shooting when B2 fouls A2 away from the ball. A1 continues the shooting motion and scores. The official disallows the basket stating continuous motion only applies if the shooter is fouled. Is the official correct?

No.

Question 20: A1, prior to dribbling, bounce passes the ball to A2. A2 does not see the pass and never touches the ball. A1 runs across the court and recovers the ball with both hands after the ball has hit the floor. A1 then begins a dribble. The official rules this is an illegal dribble. Is the official correct?

Yes, the pass was in fact the start of a dribble that ended when A1 caught the ball with both hands.

Question 21: A1's throw-in under the alternating possession procedure is caught simultaneously by A2 and B2 causing a held ball. The official awards the ball to Team B. Is the official correct?

Yes. The throw-in was complete and the arrow moved to Team B, then the jump ball.

Question 22: Team A has been in control of the ball for 7 seconds in the backcourt. A1 throws a pass which hits the floor in A's front court at 9 seconds. A2 gains control at 11 seconds. The official rules this is a 10 second violation. Is the official correct?

No, the ball obtained front court status when it touched the frontcourt at 9 seconds.

Question 23: A throw-in by A1 strikes B1 who is inbounds and rebounds in flight directly from B1 and then strikes A1 who is still out of bounds. Which team gets to throw the ball inbounds?

A1 caused the ball to go out of bounds. Team B's ball.

Question 24: During an alternating possession throw-in, thrower A1 holds the ball through the end-line plane and B1 grabs it, resulting in a held ball. What is the call?

Since the throw-in had not ended and no violation occurred, it is still A's ball for an alternating possession throw-in.

Question 25: During an alternating possession throw-in, thrower A1's throw-in pass is illegally kicked by B2. The referee rules a kicking violation on B2 and awards the ball to Team A for a throw-in. The referee also instructs the scorer to not switch the arrow. Is the referee correct?

Yes, since the alternating throw-in was not completed the arrow is not switched.