

**COMMON ERRORS from VBOA on  
FIBA RULES HIGH SCHOOL EXAM  
2009 – 10**

3. Y N During a throw-in by Team A and with 3 seconds remaining on the shot clock, the ball is in-bounded and deflected by B4. The game clock starts and, as the ball is bouncing freely on the floor, the shot clock runs down to 0 and the signals sounds. Has Team A committed a shot clock violation?

ANSWER - NO. Art. 50.1 The shot clock was started in error and, therefore, a throw-in shall be awarded to Team A with 3 seconds on the shot clock. The game clock was started correctly and shall not be adjusted. The shot clock starts when a team in-bounds gains control of the ball.

9. Y N B5 commits an unsportsmanlike foul on A5. Coach A and B are then charged with a technical foul. Shall the penalties for the technical fouls cancel each other?

ANSWER - NO. Art. 42 Each foul carries the same penalty of 2 free throws and possession. Equal foul penalty shall be cancelled in the order that they occurred. Team A would be awarded 2 free throws and possession for Coach B's infraction with any Team A player entitled to attempt the free throws.

10. Y N Team A is in control of the ball underneath Team B's basket when A3 and B3 start to fight with each other just outside the 3-point line. The officials eject both players and award a throw-in to Team A on the sideline closest to where the fight started. Is this correct?

ANSWER – YES. Art. 35.2 Whenever a double foul occurs, the team that had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball shall be awarded a throw-in at the nearest spot to infraction, with no reset on the shot clock.

11. Y N A3 is dribbling the ball from the back court to the front court. A3 has both feet in the front court while dribbling the ball in the back court. In an attempt to change direction, A3 dribbles the ball behind his back. The ball strikes the back of A3's leg and bounces into the back court where the ball is recovered by A1. Is this a legal play?

ANSWER – YES. ???? (I will get clarification on this one) Art. 28.1.3 Both feet of the dribbler and the ball must make contact with the front court for the dribbler to have front court status. When the ball did not make contact with the front court, the recovery of the ball was legal and play and the back court count shall continue without interruption.

13. Y N B1 fouls A3. This is Team B's 5th team foul in the period. The officials erroneously award a throw-in to Team A. After the throw-in, A2 dribbles the ball and scores a basket. Before the ball becomes live, the officials recognize the error and award A3 two free throws, followed by a Team B throw-in. Is this correct?

ANSWER – NO. Art. 44.3.2 No free throws shall be awarded when the team that should have been awarded free throws scores a field goal. The error shall be disregarded, and the ball awarded to Team B anywhere on the end line.

25. Y N B4 commits an unsportsmanlike foul on dribbler A5. Before the ball is live prior to A5 first free throw, A1 is assessed a technical foul. The officials rule that the two penalties cancel each other. The AP arrow favours Team B. Shall play resume with a Team B throw-in?

ANSWER – NO. Art. 42.2.7 The two penalties cancel, and no free throws are awarded. A throw-in shall be awarded to the team that had control (Team A) before the first infraction occurred. The throw-in shall be administered at the spot closest to the first infraction.

27. Y N During the Interval of Play between periods, B9 disrespectfully addresses an official. Shall a technical foul be assessed against Coach B?

ANSWER – No. Art. 4.1.4, 38.4.1 Any infraction during an Interval of Play shall be assessed against that individual and not the Coach, as ALL players and substitutes are players during an I. o. P.. This is a team foul and a player foul towards the next period.

29. Y N With 6 seconds expired on A4 back court count, A4 deliberately bounces the ball off of the leg of B3 who is in Team A's front court. The ball bounces back to A4 who recovers the ball in his/her back court. Does A4 get a new back court count?

ANSWER – YES. Art. 28.1.3, 28.2.1 Because the ball legally entered the front court and was legally returned to the back court, the official is correct is starting a new back court count.

31. Y N While the ball is within the basket on a try for goal by A1, A2 touches the ring. The ball passes through the basket. Shall the basket count?

ANSWER – YES. Art. 16.1.1, 31.2.4 The offensive player did not have any effect on the ball when it was within the basket. In fact, that player could reach down and push the ball through the basket.

38. Y N A time-out is granted to Team A. As the teams are moving towards their respective benches, A1 pushes B1. Is this a technical foul?

ANSWER – NO. (See tonight's PowerPoint presentation on Types of Fouls in FIBA!) Art. 34.1.1 All player contact on an opponent during playing time, regardless if the ball live or dead, clock running or stopped, shall be ruled as a personal foul. This fouled must be ruled as either an unsportsmanlike foul, or a disqualifying foul.

43. Y N In establishing legal guarding position on a moving opponent with the ball, must the defensive player allow sufficient time and distance for the offensive player to stop or change direction before contact?

ANSWER – NO. Art. 33.4 After a defender has established legal guarding position (both feet on the floor and facing the opponent), time and distance are not a factor, even if this is done in a fraction of a second. The offensive player must always expect to be closely guarded, short of contact.

44. Y N B1 jumps from his front court, intercepts a pass by A2 and lands in control of the ball with both feet straddling the centre line. While maintaining his straddling position over the mid court line, B1 dribbles the ball. Is this a violation?

ANSWER – YES. Art. 30.1.2 When B1 lands in the straddling position, B1 has front court status. Starting a dribble while straddling the center line, by rule, makes that dribbler in the back court until all three points (both feet and the ball) are completely in the front court.

50. Y N A7's request to substitute for A3 is granted and A7 enters the court. A3, who has not yet left the playing surface, impolitely addresses an official. A technical foul is called. Shall the technical foul count in Team A's total towards the penalty situation in that period?

ANSWER – NO. Art.4.2.3, 38.4.1 As soon as A7 enters the game, A7 has replaced A3. A3 is now a substitute. The foul is a 'B' technical foul and is charged to the Head Coach. It does not go towards the team fouls for the penalty or A3 player fouls.