

Official Basketball Rules changes (effective as of 1st October 2014)

1. Art. 2.4.7 No-charge semi-circle areas

Purpose: To provide the offensive player with more protection while he is in the air on the shot for the goal.

New wording Art. 2.4., last sentence: The no-charge semi-circles are part of the no-charge semi-circle areas.

2. Art. 18 Time-out

Purpose: To avoid the excessive number of time-outs at the end of the game.

New wording Art. 18.2.5: Each team may be granted:

- Two (2) time-outs during the first half,
- Three (3) time-outs during the second half with a maximum of two (2) of these time-outs in the last two (2) minutes of the second half,
- One (1) time-out during each extra period.

3. Art. 29 Twenty-four seconds

Purpose: To speed up the game and allow for more attack/shots during the game.

New wording: New Art. 29.2.2.

Following an offensive rebound after a shot for a field goal or after a last or only free throw, the twenty-four (24) second clock shall be set to fourteen (14) seconds.

The current Art. 29.2.2 will become Art. 29.2.3

4. Art. 38 Technical Foul

Purpose: The current penalty is considered too excessive.

New wording: Art. 38.4.2. Penalty: One (1) free throw shall be awarded to the opponents, followed by:

- A throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table.
- A jump ball in the centre circle to start the first period.

5. Art. 38 Technical foul

Purpose: To provide with a stronger penalty in case of players who are not obeying the rules of sportsmanship thus repeatedly damaging the image of the game.

New wording: New Art. 38.3.3

A player shall be disqualified when charged with two (2) technical fouls.

The current Art. 38.3.3 and 38.3.4 will become Art. 38.3.4 and 38.3.5