

Duties of a referee

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What is a referee?

- ▶ A referee is the person of authority in a variety of sports who is responsible for presiding over the game from a neutral point of view and making on-the-fly decisions that enforce the rules of the sport, including sportsmanship decisions such as ejection.
- ▶ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Referee>



How do Sports Codes define a Referee?



▶ FINA

- “The Referee shall be in control of the competition and located in a position so that he can manage the competition and ensure that the Rules are observed.”



▶ FIFA

- “Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he has been appointed.”

For Referees what are the Key Elements?

- ▶ Enforcers of rules
- ▶ Enforcing Fair Play
- ▶ Keeping Players Safe
- ▶ Maintain order.



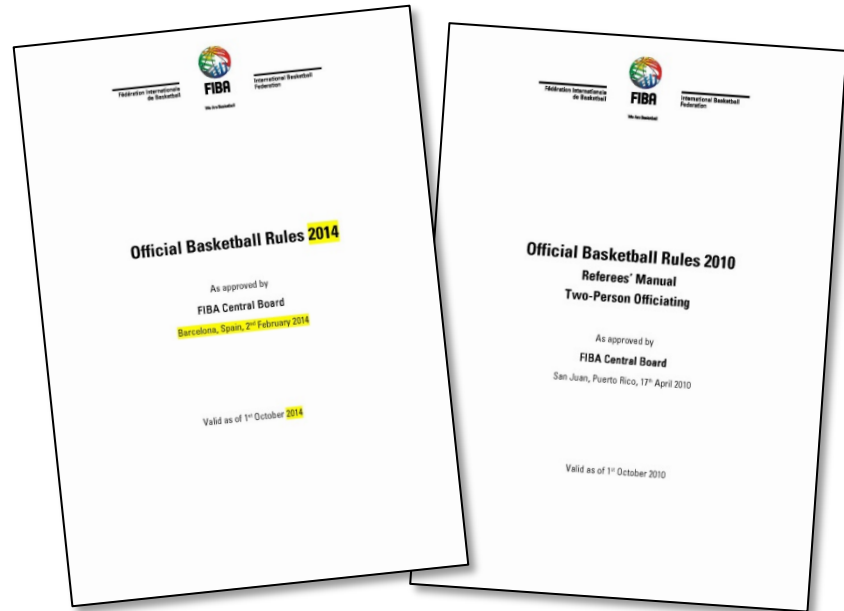
Basketball Referee's role is:

- ▶ The main role of basketball referee is to make sure there is fair play for all players during the game.



Basketball Referee's role is:

- ▶ Make sure they know the ins and outs of every section of the rules.



Basketball Referee's role is:

- ▶ Calling violations such as travels, double dribbles and three-second violations, as well as determining when a foul has occurred and the appropriate penalties.



Basketball Referee's role is:

- ▶ Many violations are cut and dried,
- ▶ But fouls are often result of an official's judgment of whether the contact gave an advantage or disadvantage.



Basketball Referee's Key Elements :

Enforce Rules

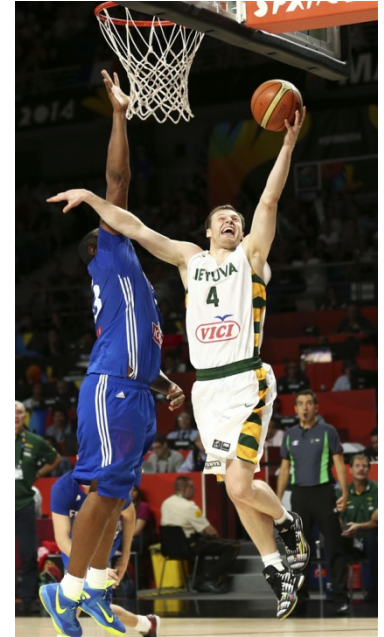
- ▶ A referee is expected to be an objective enforcer of the rules as laid out by the controlling body.
- ▶ When an infraction is committed, the referee will stop play by blowing their whistle and penalize the team that violated the rule.
- ▶ Common rule violations include committing fouls, dribbling infractions and losing the ball out of bounds.
- ▶ The penalties for rule violations vary, but most often involve a loss of possession, or free throws being awarded to the other team.



Basketball Referee's Key Elements :

Maintain Order

- ▶ By making decisive and fair calls, the referees attempt to make sure that the game is played in a sportsmanlike manner.
- ▶ Even so, a purposefully hard foul or a player engaging in excessive trash talk can turn a basketball game into an all-out brawl.
- ▶ If a player continues to display poor sportsmanship, he might be assessed with a technical foul by the referee.
- ▶ Two technical fouls in a game leads to a participant's ejection.



Basketball Referee's Key Elements :

Game Flow

- ▶ A basketball referee is responsible for keeping the game moving.
- ▶ The official will keep track of the length of the timeout and restart play when the timeout has expired.
- ▶ Making sure the tempo is the game is maintained.



Basketball Referee's Key Elements :

Player Safety

- ▶ Referees make sure players do not wear items that pose a threat to player safety.
- ▶ All accessories must be free of sharp or protruding edges.
- ▶ If a player is bleeding, officials will immediately remove that player from the game.
- ▶ The injured player can return after a cut has been properly dressed and the bleeding contained.



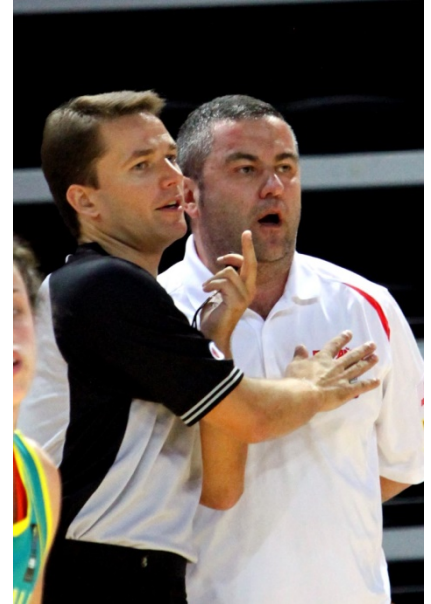
Article 47.3 FIBA Basketball Rules:

When deciding on a personal contact or violation, the officials shall, in each instance, have regard to and weigh the following fundamental principles:



Article 47.3 FIBA Basketball Rules:

1. The spirit and intent of the rules and the need to uphold the integrity of the game.



Article 47.3 FIBA Basketball Rules:

2. Consistency in application of the concept of 'advantage/disadvantage'. The officials should not seek to interrupt the flow of the game unnecessarily in order to penalise incidental personal contact which does not give the player responsible an advantage nor place his opponent at a disadvantage.



Article 47.3 FIBA Basketball Rules:

3. Consistency in the application of common sense to each game, bearing in mind the abilities of the players concerned and their attitude and conduct during the game.



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4. Consistency in the maintenance of a balance between game control and game flow, having a 'feeling' for what the participants are trying to do and calling what is right for the game.



In Summary Referees are charged with:

- ▶ neutral point of view
- ▶ Enforcer of all the rules
- ▶ spirit and intent
- ▶ consistency of
 - 'advantage/disadvantage'.
 - common sense to each game,
 - player attitude and conduct
 - game control and flow
- ▶ 'feeling' for the game
- ▶ calling what is right for the game.



FIBA Basketball Rules:

There are 8 Rules and 50 Articles that make up the game of basketball.

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FIBA Basketball Rules:

Is there a rank order of rules where some rules are more important?

No there is not!

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Is there an unwritten list of rules where referees turn a blind eye to?

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Referees will be focusing on ensuring this rule is applied.

Uniforms

4.3.1 The uniform of the team members shall consist of:

- Shirts of the same dominant colour front and back.
- All players must tuck their shirts into their playing shorts. 'All-in-ones' are permitted.
- Shorts of the same dominant colour front and back, but not necessarily of the same colour as the shirts. The shorts must end above the knee.

FIBA Basketball Rules:

Referees will be focusing on ensuring this rule is applied.

Art. 6 Captain: Duties and powers

6.1 The captain ... may communicate in a **courteous manner** with the officials during the game to obtain information, however, only when the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped.

Nothing in the rules about players about being allowed to argue, debate or question rules.

FIBA Basketball Rules:

Referees will be focusing on ensuring this rule is applied.

Art. 36 Technical foul

36.1 Rules of conduct

36.1.1 The proper conduct of the game demands the full and loyal cooperation of the players and team bench personnel with the officials, table officials and commissioner, if present.

FIBA Basketball Rules:

Referees will be focusing on ensuring this rule is applied.

Art. 36 Technical foul

36.3 Definition

36.3.1 A technical foul is a player non-contact foul of a behavioural nature including, but not limited to:

- Disregarding warnings given by officials.
- Disrespectfully touching the officials, the commissioner, the table officials or the team bench personnel.
- Disrespectfully communicating with the officials, the commissioner, the table officials or the opponents.
- Using language or gestures likely to offend or incite the spectators.

FIBA Basketball Rules:

Why then are the following rules not being applied?

Referees' Manual – Two-person officiating

2.1 Arrival at venue

Personal appearance is very important. Officials should take pride in their presentation ...

The official's uniform should be in good condition, clean and properly ironed.

The officials should not wear a wristwatch, wristband or any kind of jewellery during the game.

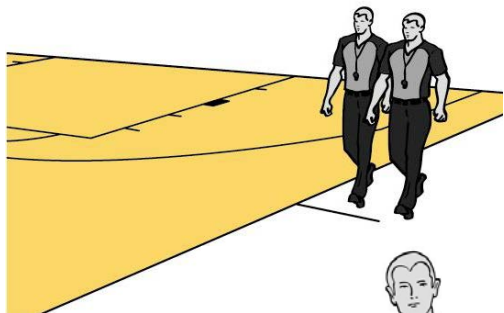
In summary, we want our officials to be professional in their appearance, on and off the playing court.

Professional Appearance

Mechanics Book



20.00 min



FIBA's Best

