

Connecticut State Board of Approved Basketball Officials

Interpreters Bulletin



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This bulletin will present recent play situations that have occurred in Connecticut games this season. As a reminder, Connecticut has six (6) area rules interpreters, and a state interpreter who serves as our liaison to the CIAC. We are members of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO); the world's oldest, largest and most respected organization dedicated to the education and continuous improvement of basketball officials. We annually train our officials to follow the rules and points of emphasis publicized by the CIAC and the NFHS.

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PLAY SITUATIONS

Situation #1 – After a time-out, Team A returns with 6 players. Officials do not notice. A1 is successful with a 2-pt try. As B1 is dribbling up the court, Team B coach yells that Team A has 6 players on court. Trail confirms this and sounds whistle. The officials discuss the play and rule as follows: A1's goal counts, a team technical foul is assessed to Team A, and play is resumed with two free throws for Team B and a throw-in by Team B opposite division line. Are the officials correct?

Ruling: Yes. This is not a correctable error, so Rule 2.10 does not apply. Officials must see 6 players playing at same time in order to rule a team technical. Rule 10-2-2, Casebook 10.2.2.

Situation #2 – B1 fouls A1 in the backcourt. This is Team B's 5th foul. The players get tangled up and fall to the floor. A1 throws the ball at B1. Official rules a technical foul on A1. As official goes toward the table to report the technical foul on A1, B1 curses A1 and official rules a technical foul on B1. There is approximately 10 seconds between the two technical fouls. How is this situation officiated?

Ruling: Officials should report common foul on B1, and unsporting technical fouls on A1 and B1. Two (2) free throws are awarded to Team B and Team A followed by a throw in by Team A at the division line opposite the table. This is not a double technical foul as there was a time lapse between unsporting actions by A1 and B1. Rule 4-19-9.

Situation #3 – During a 30-second time-out, the five (5) Team A players join their teammates and sit on the bench. The official informs the coach that the five (5) players must remain standing in the time-out area and the teammates must remain on the bench. Is the official correct?

Ruling: No. The 5 players and bench personnel are allowed to stand during a 30 second time-out. Rule 5-11-3, 1-13-3.

Situation #4 – Between the end of the fourth quarter and the start of the overtime period, Team A, which has used all of their allotted time-outs, is granted a time-out. The official grants the time-out without penalty because Team A is entitled to one additional time-out during each extra period. Is the official correct?

Ruling: No. The additional 60-second time-out provided for each extra period(s) shall not be granted until after the ball has become live to start the extra period(s). Rule 5-11-5.

Situation #5 – A1 is dribbling in his/her backcourt and throws a pass to the frontcourt. While standing in A's frontcourt: (a) A2 or (b) B3 touches the ball and deflects it back to A's backcourt. A2 recovers the ball in the backcourt. The official rules a backcourt violation in both cases. Is the official correct?

Ruling: In (a), yes, it is a backcourt violation. The ball was in control of A1, A2 was the last to touch the ball in frontcourt, and A2 was the first to touch the ball in the backcourt. In (b), no, this is a legal play. B3 was the last to touch the ball in the frontcourt, therefore, A2 can recover the ball in the backcourt. Team A is entitled to a new 10-second count. Rule 9-9-1, Casebook 9.9.1 C.

Situation #6 – A1 is holding or dribbling the ball near the division line in the frontcourt when B1 deflects the ball into the air into the backcourt. Prior to the ball touching the floor in the backcourt, the ball is caught or is touched by A5 who is located in the backcourt. The official rules this is a legal play. Is the official correct?

Ruling: Yes. Rule 9-9-1 (EXCEPTION), Casebook 9.9.1.F.

Situation #7 – A1 jumps to attempt a 2-point try. B1 hits the ball out of A1's hands. A1 recovers the ball while in the air and lands on the floor. The official rules this a legal play. Is the official correct?

Ruling: Yes. When the ball is hit out of A1's hands, there is no longer player control. Therefore, A1 can recover the ball in the air. Rule 4-12-6.

Situation #8 – A1 jumps to attempt a 2-point try. B1 prevents the ball from leaving his/her hands and A1 lands on the floor. The official rules this a legal play. Is the official correct?

Ruling: No. This is a held ball since B1 prevented the try from leaving A1's hands. Rule 4-25-2.

Situation #9 - A-1 stops his/her dribble at the foul line and establishes the right foot as the pivot foot. A-1 looks to pass the ball, but is unable to. A-1 jumps off their right foot and lands simultaneously on both feet and attempts a try for goal. The official rules this is a legal jump stop. Is the official correct?

Ruling: No. After coming to a stop and establishing a pivot foot, if the player jumps, neither foot may be returned to the floor before the ball is released on a pass or try for goal. Rule 4-44-3b.

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