

# Connecticut State Board of Approved Basketball Officials

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#### **A message from State Interpreter Charlene Shepard:**

Each Connecticut Board Rule's Interpreter has been charged with delivering IAABO's message of **"One Rule, One Interpretation, One Set of Approved Mechanics"**. With that in mind, all officials are obligated to enforce the rules as written, points of emphasis, and good sportsmanship throughout every contest. As Interpreters, we strive to provide quality training and education to enhance each official's ability to perform at their best. Finish the season strong!

### **Game Situations**

**Play 1:** A1 is fouled by B1 and fakes being fouled. The official calls the foul and ignores the fake. Is the official, correct?

**Answer: The official is correct. Faking being fouled is penalized when the act occurs with no contact or during incidental contact. (NFHS 4-49; IAABO Manual 19:2)**

**Play #2:** B1 reaches over the boundary plane on a throw-in and slaps the ball out of A2's hand. The official rules a technical foul on B1. Later in the game, the same player bats the ball away after a made basket, preventing the other team from starting the ensuing throw-in. The official assesses the player with his 2<sup>nd</sup> technical foul, which would disqualify him from the contest. The other official quickly comes in and notifies his partner that it is a team technical and that they had already been given a warning when B1 received the technical for batting the ball out of the hands of the thrower. Is the official, correct?

**Answer: The official is correct. The first act counts as the first Team Warning in addition to the Technical Foul assessed to B1. The second foul counts as a Team Technical Foul and B1 is not disqualified. (IAABO Handbook Page 79 Chapter 9 Segment 5 Part C Penalty. Also, Chapter 17 Segment 1 Part I. NFHS Rulebook Rule 9-2 Article 10 Penalty 3)**

**Play #3:** A1 is dribbling in his backcourt when the ball is batted out of bounds with 31 seconds remaining on the Shot Clock. Team A throws the ball in, and the player proceeds to dribble in the backcourt towards the division line. With 25 seconds remaining on

the shot clock, the Lead official calls a 10 second backcourt violation. The other official comes in and reminds his partner that the throw-in started with 31 seconds on the clock and that Team A now has until 21 to get the ball into the front court. The officials rule an inadvertent whistle and award the ball back to Team A. Are the officials correct?

**Answer: The officials are correct. The shot clock does not get reset and stays at 25. (IAABO Handbook Chapter 9 Segment 10 Part A; NFHS Rulebook Rule 4-36 Article 1).**

**Play #4:** A1 deflects B1's pass toward the sideline. A1 chases after the ball, jumps from the court, controls the ball and requests a timeout prior to landing out of bounds. The official denies the request because the player is in the air. Is the official, correct?

**Answer: No, there is no stipulation about where a player must be, only that they have player control. (NFHS Rule 8-3a)**

**Play #5:** With the AP arrow favoring Team A and 20 seconds remaining on the shot clock, A1's try for goal gets wedged between the backboard and the rim. The officials award the ball to Team A and don't reset the shot clock. Are the officials correct?

**Answer: No. Since the arrow favors Team A, they are awarded the ball for a designated spot throw-in from the nearest of the four designated frontcourt throw-in spots to where the ball became dead. The shot clock must be reset to 35 seconds because the try hit the rim. (IAABO Rules Guide Chapter 20, Play 20:5:4)**

**Play #6:** A1 drives the lane to attempt a layup. B5 jumps to block the shot, and their hand contacts the backboard causing the rim to vibrate. The try is unsuccessful, and the officials assess a technical foul on B5. Are the officials correct?

**Answer: No. This is legal and play should be allowed to continue. B5 made a legitimate attempt to block the try. If, during the try, a player deliberately hits the backboard or basket in an act of aggression or to bring attention to themselves, they must be charged with a technical foul. (IAABO Rules Guide 10:4:4, 17:1)**

**Play #7:** A1 passes the ball to A2 in their frontcourt. The ball passes through A2's hands and rolls into the backcourt. The ball is not touched and rolls out of bounds on the sideline very close to the end line. The officials rule that this is a backcourt violation and award the ball to team B in their frontcourt at the 28 ft mark. Is this correct?

**Answer: NO. This is a simple out of bounds violation and should be inbounded at the spot it went out of bounds. (IAABO Rules Guide Figure 9-1 pg. 69 & pg. 72)**

**Enjoy the remainder of your season. Use your CIAC pass to watch conference tournament games!**

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