



# **BBAXN / BAS WORKSHOP**

League Representatives –  
BAS Referees Committee  
“OPEN FORUM”

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## Men's and Women's Open League

### **ISSUES AND ANSWERS**

#### **1. Scoresheet Issue**

After discussing the accuracy of scoresheets, it has been decided that to ensure that the scores are properly recorded by table officials:

- All team managers are required to submit players' names (including jersey numbers) to table officials before the commencement of every game
- All players in a team must be wearing proper attire with jersey numbers clearly printed at the back and front of shirt
- Team Managers have to check the scoresheet and address any doubts to table officials before signing the scoresheet and leaving the court

#### **2. Time Keeping Issue**

- All officials will be more careful with time-keeping and ensure that the clock runs and stops properly
- Officials will shout "FIVE" to let both teams know the countdown of the 24 Sec Shot Clock (i.e. last five seconds) due to the unavailability of a physical timer

#### **3. Foul Calls**

Team Managers who attended the Workshop had been briefed by BAS Chief Referee, Mr. Johnny Mah on the concepts of Advantage and Disadvantage (See attached PowerPoint print-outs)

- If contact is not intentional and it does not affect the ball in play, the game will go on under Advantage Rule (this will also avoid having the game interrupted too often)

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- BAS Referees follow the FIBA Officiating Guidelines to provide the most accurate ruling on the basketball court
- There will always be arguments on what is right and also, what is the other party's interpretation – hence it had been explained that the Referees will use the best of their judgment to control the game
- UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR: too many fouls at the last crucial minutes of the game (i.e. beyond normal contact like not playing hard but instead hard pushing)
- NORMAL FOUL will be issued as per normal contact rules

#### **4. Wet Floor Issue (Slippery Court)**

- Team Managers are allowed to sound out to the officials during dead-ball situation that they want to dry the playing court
- Representatives from the teams shall wipe the court, not the officials
- Team should feedback to the organizers shall their request be turned down by any officials

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## 5. Court Etiquette

Chief Referee has brought up the discussion that teams should understand that any mistake made by the officials is part of the game but some teams are re-acting in a non sportsmanlike manor. This can be very intimidating for the officials and reflects badly on the player(s)/team. We hope to improve the communication between the officials and the teams.

The Officials are crucial to the success of the tournament as they are there to facilitate the smooth flow of the game. It was agreed that

- Officials are encouraged to utilize the team captains to control their player/players in a heated situation (issue a warning)
- Violent behavior of players, team followers will be reported to the organizer and players should be ejected.
- Referees have been advised not to use valuable game time for explanation of calls. Team Managers are to address their concerns or questions regarding the rules after the game if necessary.

## 6. No Uniform Issue (Team Attire)

- 2 points per player will be added to opposing team if player(s) are not in proper team uniform
- Teams are allowed to loan jersey tops from BBAXN. Cost and terms of loaning to be found in BBAXN Rules and Regulations.
- For full details please BBAXN rules and regulations.

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## Scenarios And Feedback

### Incident #1

**Team A scores, Team B wants to inbound the ball but the ball is tapped away by a retreating Team A player, the clock continues to run over 6 seconds and the referees do not issue a warning for intentional delay or time wasting.**

**What does the FIBA rule say? When the offensive team scores, the ball must be taken out of bounds but the clock is to be maintained running, the scoring team is not to interfere in basketball once they have scored.**

- In the judgment of the official if the offensive player after a successful field goal deliberately taps the ball away with the intention to delay the game could be warned on the first instance. A technical foul may be imposed on the repetition of the same act. However, the official may choose to ignore if it is merely a touch on the ball. Game clock will keep running unless the official sounds his whistle.
- Scenario described by the writer was too exaggerated. The referee of the said game was interviewed and he affirmed that there was no touching or tapping of ball as described. It was the writer's player slow in taking the ball for out-of-bound throw-in at the endline after the successful field goal.

### Incident #2

**With reference to the principle of verticality, if a defender standing on the court jumps vertically while staying within his cylinder (basically shoulder width apart) and the offender is driving at this defender, whether shooting or otherwise makes contact - this is not a foul. It is never a foul and the rules explain this clearly. But the referees always call foul i.e. suggesting that contact during shooting is an automatic foul**

- The statement of the writer is correct. Rules states very clearly that whoever leave his cylinder and cause contact to the opponent shall responsible for that contact.

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### **Incident #3**

**Player A travels and the trailing referee blows his whistle -calling travel, Player A continues to pass the ball to Player B, Player B shoots the ball and is fouled. Front court referee calls a foul, overruled the call by the trailing referee, and gives two shots. The Chief referee can over rule the call of his referee(s) after consultation and if the controlling team is deemed not to have violated, the ball must be taken in by the controlling team from the side line and the shot clock adjusted to reflect the time remaining at the violation.**

**You are not allowed to over rule a call a second later, and appoint a further decision to a follow on part of the play with a different player.**

- The interpretation of this scenario is when there is more than one decision made by the officials during the same time frame; each decision has to be administered accordingly. In this scenario, the trail official called a traveling on offensive player, the penalty is opponent get an out-of-bound throw in at the side line. The lead official called a foul in the act of shooting on the defensive player, the penalty is two free throws to be awarded to the offensive player. As the penalty for the traveling is not the last penalty to be administered, so the right of the out-of-bound throw in has to be forfeited.
- If the foul in this scenario is just a normal foul without any free throw. The penalty is also the opponent get an out-of-bound throw in. Under this circumstance, the final decision will be a jump situation.

### **Incident #4**

**Defensive player tapping the ball out of the hands of the player throwing in**

- The player should be warned, any repetition will result in a technical foul

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### **Incident #5**

**Players lining up at the free throw lane during a free-throw situation take a step or two away from the position that he is entitled to**

- Players that refuse to take up their position at the free throw lane during the lining up in a free-throw situation shall be asked to retreat to the free-throw line extended beyond the 3-point line.

BBAXN would like to thank those players and BAS officials who contributed to the lively workshop. Further workshops will be held should the need arise.

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BBAXN  
Referees And Team Managers  
Dialogue

## Agenda

- Introduction
- Principle of Advantage & Disadvantage
- Rules Interpretation
- Discussion on unsportsmanlike behaviour by players or coaches
- Any other matters

## Advantage & Disadvantage

- Introduction
- On the Court Situation
  - Understanding the game
  - Feel for the game
  - Judgment and common sense
  - Excessive whistle blowers
  - Interferer

## Advantage & Disadvantage

- Officiating Guidelines
  - To provide the most accurate rulings
  - Constantly confronted with the adage
  - Anticipates the play but not the call
  - See the entire play. Don't judge the contact based on a part of play
  - Officials must know 'What is right' and not 'Who is right' - One Rule, One Interpretation
  - Possess a knowledge of the rules and mechanics

## Advantage & Disadvantage

- Too Many fouls in the last minutes of the game
- Examples

A4 receives the ball from a throw-in in team A's backcourt. There is no team B player anywhere in the vicinity of A4 in his backcourt. A4 lifts his pivot foot slightly before releasing the ball to begin a dribble

## Advantage & Disadvantage

- Repetition of the same infraction by A4 but with a defensive player in a position to pose a defensive threat to A4

## Advantage & Disadvantage

- A4, pressed tightly by B4, dribbles the ball under his own basket with his back to the opponents' basket. At the same time his team-mate A5 has been standing in the opponents' free-throw lane for more than 3 seconds

## Advantage & Disadvantage

- A5 make a pass to A6 at their front court when 2 seconds remaining at the shot clock, B4 deflect the ball towards team A basket. There is an open path in front of B4. He chase after the ball at his front court when the 24" device sound

## Advantage & Disadvantage

- Remember: If a contact is not intentional and it does not place anyone at a disadvantage, do not blow the whistle!!
- Conclusion
  - Quality game depend on the level of officiating
  - Consistently applying the principles of advantage-disadvantages
  - Always judge the decision based on the sprit and intent of the game

## Rules Interpretation

- Three Seconds Violation (Art 26)
  - A player shall not remain in the opponents' restricted area for more than three (3) consecutive seconds while his team is in control of a live ball in the frontcourt and the game clock is running
  - To establish a player is outside the restricted area, he must place both feet on the floor outside the restricted area

## Rules Interpretation

- Three Seconds Violation (Art 26)
  - Allowances must be made for a player who:
    - Makes an attempt to leave the restricted area.
    - Is in the restricted area when he or his teammate is in the act of shooting and the ball is leaving or has just left the player's hand on the shot for a field goal.
    - Dribbles in the restricted area to shoot for a field goal after having been there for less than three seconds

## Rules Interpretation

- Contact (Art 33)
  - Cylinder principle
  - Principle of verticality
  - Legal guarding position
  - Guarding a player who controls the ball
  - Guarding a player who does not control the ball
  - A player who is in the air
  - Screening: Legal and illegal

## Rules Interpretation

- Contact (Art 33)
  - Charging
  - Blocking
  - Contacting an opponent with the hand(s) and / or arm(s)
  - Post play
  - Illegal guarding from the rear
  - Holding
  - Pushing

# Conclusion

The background of the slide is an abstract composition. The top half features a solid orange band with a subtle, wavy pattern. Below this, the background transitions into a darker, more complex pattern of brown and gold tones, resembling liquid droplets or flowing paint. The word "Conclusion" is centered in the orange band in a white, sans-serif font.