



**New York State Girls Basketball Officials Association  
Open Book  
2009 - 10 Rules and Mechanics Examination**

- 1) With seven seconds remaining on the shot clock, A1 attempts a try for goal that does not hit the ring or flange. Following the unsuccessful try, the ball is simultaneously recovered by A2 and B2. The official shall:
  - a. Use the alternating-possession procedure and set the shot clock to 15 seconds when the offensive team retains possession.
  - b. Use the alternating-possession procedure with no reset on the shot clock when the team that shot the ball retains possession.
  - c. Use the alternating-possession procedure with a reset to 30 seconds on the shot clock regardless of the team gaining possession.
  - d. Use the alternating-possession procedure with no reset on the shot clock when the defensive team gains possession.
  
- 2) The first of two free throws by A1 is successful. Following the first successful free throw, B1 takes the ball out of bounds and passes it to B2, who subsequently scores in B's basket. The failure to award a merited free-throw error is then recognized.
  - a. Nullify the score by B2 and resume play with all players lined-up along the free throw lane, and A1 being awarded her second free throw.
  - b. Nullify the score by B2. Award A1 her merited free throw with no players along the lane. Resume play with a throw-in by Team B along the end line.
  - c. Score the goal by B2. Award A1 her merited free throw with all players lined-up along the free-throw lane, and resume play from the made or missed free throw.
  - d. Score the goal by B2. Award A1 her merited free throw with no players along the lane. Resume play with a throw-in by Team A at the end line nearest Team B's basket after B2's score.
  - e. It is too late to make any correction.
  
- 3) On a throw-in at mid-court, A1 who is in her front court, touches the ball and it rolls into her backcourt before she gains control. After gaining control and while under defensive pressure, A1 proceeds to dribble in her backcourt and eventually shoots the ball at Team B's basket. The shot hits the rim but does not go in and is rebounded by A2. The shot-clock operator shall:
  - a. Start the shot clock when the ball is touched by A1 on the throw-in.
  - b. Start the shot clock when the ball is controlled by A1 on the throw-in.
  - c. Allow the shot clock to run when A1's shot hits the rim of Team B's basket.
  - d. A and C

- 4) A1 is holding the ball for the second of two free throws. A4 and B5 are next to each other in a marked lane space. Prior to A1 releasing the ball, B5 intentionally pushes A4. This is Team B's 6<sup>th</sup> foul in the half.
- The official shall hold the whistle, if A1 makes the free throw, ignore the foul. If A1 misses the free throw, then A1 will get another free throw.
  - Call an intentional foul on B5. Allow A1 to shoot her last free throw with no one lined up in the lane. Award the ball to Team A for a throw-in.
  - Call an intentional foul on B5. Allow A1 to shoot her last free throw with no one lined up in the lane. Then allow A4 to shoot two free throws with no one lined up in the lane. Award the ball to Team A for a throw-in at the spot closest to the foul.
  - Call an intentional foul on B5. Allow A1 to shoot her last free throw with no one lined up in the lane. Then allow A4 to shoot two free throws with no one lined up in the lane. Award the ball to Team A for a throw-in at mid-court opposite the scores table.
- 5) As the horn sounds for the end of the second quarter, B1 fouls A1. This is Teams B's 10<sup>th</sup> foul in the half. The officials allow both teams to go to their bench areas as A1 lines up for two free throws. The coach of Team B does not like the call and decides to walk to their locker room by walking across the court on the other end from where A1 is shooting.
- This is a technical foul on the head coach. After A1 completes her free throws, then the two free throws for the technical will be shot.
  - This is a technical foul on the head coach. After A1 completes her free throws, the quarter will end and the third quarter will start with the two free throws for the technical and Team A will get the ball.
  - This is a legal play since the coach did not interfere with play.
  - The coach has exhibited poor sportsmanship and is charge with a flagrant technical foul.
- 6) During play in the first quarter, the assistant coach for Team A stands and starts to yell at his player's instructions. The officials remind Team A's coach that her assistant must be seated during a live ball. In the fourth quarter the same assistant coach for team A stands and coaches her team during a live ball.
- The officials should give Team A an official warning, on bench personnel.
  - The officials should ignore the assistant coach and continue officiating the game.
  - The officials should charge the head coach of Team A with a bench technical foul.
  - The officials should charge the assistant coach of Team A with a bench technical foul and the head coach with an indirect technical foul.
- 7) On a jump ball to begin the game, A1 tips the ball to A2 who fumbles it into her back court. The ball remains loose and continues to roll in team A's back court until eventually B3 controls it. The **shot-clock** operator shall:
- Start the shot clock when it is tipped by A1.
  - Start the shot clock when it is touched by A2.
  - Start the shot clock when it is controlled by B3.
  - Start the shot clock when it is tipped by A1 then reset it when it is controlled by B3.

- 8) Team A is entitled to a throw-in under the alternating-possession procedure. A1 has the ball for the throw-in when a foul is called on A2. Team B is in the bonus.
- a. Award the ball to Team B for throw-in at the spot of the foul. The arrow remains with Team A.
  - b. Award Team B free throws. The arrow remains with Team A.
  - c. Award the ball to Team B for a throw-in at the spot of the foul. Team A loses the arrow.
  - d. Award Team B free throws. Team A loses the arrow.
  - e. None of the above.
- 9) Which of the following are NOT considered bench personnel.
- a. Designated starter A1 prior to the game starting.
  - b. The assistant coaches.
  - c. The team trainer who is seated near the team.
  - d. A6 who has reported to the table and enters the playing court.
- 10) While the ball is at the disposal of A1 for one free throw, a technical foul is charged to Team A's bench.
- a. Administer the technical-foul free throws first, then have A1 attempt her one free throw. Play continues from the made or missed free throw.
  - b. Administer the technical-foul free throws first, then have A1 attempt her one free throw. Play continues with an end line throw-in for Team B.
  - c. Administer A1's one free throw first, then the two technical-foul free throws. Play continues with a sideline throw-in for Team B opposite the scorer's table.
  - d. Administer A1's one free throw first, then the two technical-foul free throws. Play continue with an end line throw-in for Team B.
- 11) A1 is shooting the first of three throws. Before the ball is released, A2 (who is in a marked lane space) steps into the lane followed by B2, who is also in a marked lane space.
- a. The official shall blow the whistle and call a double violation and award the ball to the team by way of the AP arrow.
  - b. The official shall wait and see if A1 makes the free throw, then call a double violation.
  - c. The official shall hold the whistle, and if missed penalize the violation by A2 and ignore B2 stepping in the lane.
  - d. The official shall blow the whistle, penalize A2 for the lane violation by taking away A1's first free throw. Also, ignore B2 stepping in the lane.

12) Airborne shooter A1 is in the act of shooting, but has not released the ball, when A2 fouls B2. A1 continues her motion, releases the ball, and the try is successful. Team A is not in the bonus. The officials shall:

- a. Charge A2 with a personal foul and count the basket by A1.
- b. Charge A2 with a personal foul and do not count the basket by A1.
- c. Charge A2 with a personal foul and count the basket by A1 and award B1 with one and one at the free throw line.
- d. Charge A2 with a personal foul and do not count the basket by A1 and award B1 with one and one at the free throw line.

13) Contact on the ball handler or dribbler is legal:

- a. When the defender contacts the ball-handler anytime with two hands.
- b. When the defender places a hand on the ball handler and keeps it there.
- c. When the defender contacts the ball-handler more than once with the same hand.
- d. When a "hot stove" touch is used on the ball handler/dribbler.
- e. None of the above.

14) A1 is attempting a three-point shot when she is fouled intentionally by B1. The shot is unsuccessful.

- a. A1 is awarded two free throws and the ball at the designated spot nearest to where the foul occurred.
- b. A1 is awarded three free throws and the ball at the designated spot nearest to where the foul occurred.
- c. A1 is awarded two free throws and the ball nearest to where the ball was located at the time of the foul.
- d. A1 is awarded three free throws and the ball nearest to where the ball was located at the time of the foul.
- e. None of the above.

15) When calling a foul, the official shall:

- a. Identify fouler (color and number), if it is a shooting foul, signal the number of shots with your free hand.
- b. If the foul is in the act of shooting and the ball goes in the basket, give the good basket signal immediately.
- c. If it is not a shooting foul, designate the throw-in spot.
- d. All of the above.

16) The visible count (arm flick motion) will be given from the shoulder to the head level, away from the body for the following situations:

- a. For the 3 second lane.
- b. For 10 seconds on the free throw.
- c. Closely guarded (within 3 feet) while a player is HOLDING the ball.
- d. For 10 seconds while the ball is in the backcourt.

- 17) A1 is shooting the first free throw of a two shot foul. Before the ball is released, B2 (who is in a marked lane space) steps into the lane followed by A2, who is also in a marked lane space.
- The official shall blow the whistle and call a double violation and award the ball to the team by way of the AP arrow.
  - The official shall wait and see if A1 makes the free throw, then call a double violation.
  - The official shall hold the whistle, and if missed penalize the violation by B2 and ignore A2 stepping in the lane.
  - Charge B2 with a player technical foul, for baiting A2 into a violation.
- 18) Team A has just scored a field goal. As the ball is dropping to the floor, player A2 intentionally interferes with the ball and bats it away. This is the first time that a player on Team A has committed this type of action. Team A already has been given a warning for delaying the game by stepping over the line during a throw-in.
- A delay-of-game warning is assessed to A2.
  - A delay-of-game warning is assessed to Team A, for interfering with the ball after a made basket.
  - A2 is assessed a player/substitute technical foul.
  - Team A is assessed an administrative technical foul.
- 19) During A1's interrupted dribble, a double personal foul is committed. Team B has the arrow. After reporting the fouls to the scorer:
- Use the alternating-possession procedure to resume play.
  - Award the ball to Team A and reset the shot clock.
  - Award the ball to Team A with NO reset of the shot clock.
  - Award the ball to Team B with a reset of the shot clock.
  - Award the ball to Team B at a designated spot nearest to where the foul occurred.
- 20) When the ball is on the trail's side of the court, below the free throw line extended;
- The LEAD shall go ball side, (in the paint or as far as the free throw lane extended), to get the best angle.
  - The LEAD shall not move from her/his side of the court.
  - The LEAD shall move ball side and follow the ball.
  - a and c
- 21) After a successful goal by B1, A1 grabs the ball as it falls from the net, the official rules that the ball is now at the disposal of the thrower-in, and before she can step out of bounds for the throw-in, B1 requests a timeout. The officials shall:
- Grant the timeout to Team B because A1 is still standing inbounds with the ball.
  - Not grant the timeout to Team B.
  - Wait until A1 steps out of bounds, then grant the timeout to Team B.
  - Blow the whistle and re-administer the throw-in.

- 22) A2 commits a hand check foul, this is her 5<sup>th</sup> personal foul. This is Team A's 4<sup>th</sup> team foul in the second half. The official notifies the coach that A2 has committed her 5<sup>th</sup> personal foul. The official also notifies A2, who then replies with an unsporting comment. The official calls A2 for a technical foul.
- a. Team B will get two free throws and the ball at mid-court opposite the scorer's table. A2 is charged with a technical foul, Team A is charged with their 5<sup>th</sup> team foul and the Head Coach of Team A will be charged with an indirect technical foul.
  - b. Team B will get two free throws and the ball at mid-court opposite the scorer's table. A2 is charged with a technical foul, Team A is charged with their 5<sup>th</sup> team foul.
  - c. The official will reconsider the call, since hand checking is a ticky, tack foul and should not be called. A2 is correct in her assessment of the call, therefore, all fouls will be ignored and play will resume.
  - d. Team B will get two free throws and the ball at mid-court opposite the scorer's table. A2 is charged with a technical foul, Team A is charged with their 5<sup>th</sup> team foul. Since this is A2's 6<sup>th</sup> personal foul, she must leave the area.
- 23) At 4:33 of the first quarter, a throw-in by Team A is interrupted when B1 reaches through the end-line plane and slaps A1's on her forearm.
- a. Assess a player/substitute technical foul on B1.
  - b. Assess an intentional foul on B1, and issue a delay of game warning for reaching across the plane.
  - c. Assess a common foul on B1.
  - d. Charge B1 with a delay-of-game warning for reaching through the plane.
- 24) With the alternating-possession arrow favoring Team A and 20 seconds remaining on the shot clock, A1's try for goal lodges between the backboard and the basket support:
- a. Award Team A the possession for a throw-in and the shot clock will remain at 20 seconds.
  - b. Award Team A the possession for a throw-in and the shot clock will be reset to 30 seconds.
  - c. Award Team A the possession for a throw-in and the shot clock will be set to 15 seconds.
  - d. Award Team B the ball because Team A violated.
  - e. None of the above.
- 25) Team A is not ready to take the playing court after the halftime intermission has ended. The referee should:
- a. Put the ball on the floor at the center-court throw-in spot and begin the five-second count.
  - b. Send the U2 to the dressing room to get Team A.
  - c. Start the device used to time timeouts and at the expiration of one minute, assess an administrative technical foul for delay of game.
  - d. Put one minute on the game clock and at the expiration of one minute, assess an indirect technical foul for delay of game.
  - e. Award the ball to Team B.



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Answer Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Questions Missed \_\_\_\_\_

Board \_\_\_\_\_

Score \_\_\_\_\_

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14) \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANSWERS TO THE OPEN BOOK TEST 2009-10**

- 1) b 2-11.7i
- 2) d 2-12.1a ; 2-12.2 ; 2-12.5
- 3) d 2 – 11.11
- 4) c 6 - 1.4c ; 10-1 penalty e.2
- 5) a 10 - 4.4a ; 5 - 7.3c ; 5 - 7.4

**COMMENTARY:** Since A1 gets two free throws, the quarter has not ended. Therefore, the unsporting behavior by the coach is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

- 6) d 10 - 4.4b
- 7) c 2 – 11.5
- 8) a 6 - 3.2; 10 – 1 penalty a3

**COMMENTARY:** This is a team-control foul by Team A, therefore, no free throws are awarded to Team B. Team A keeps the arrow when a foul occurs by either team before the throw-in is completed because the alternating possession throw-in never ended.

- 9) d 4 – 8.1 ; 3 – 4.5
- 10) c NYS Modification
- 11) d 9 - 2.3a
- 12) b 4-15.2a ; 10-1 penalty a.3
- 13) d page 22 , B1, C1, C2, C3

**COMMENTARY:** This is a point of emphasis, a major change in how we officiate. The intent of this rule is to reward speed and increase scoring. We must all call this rule consistently during the season. The teams will learn how to deal with this rule quickly. If all boards don't call this is same, we will either be putting the teams at a disadvantage or your fellow officials.

- 14) b 10-1 penalty f
- 15) d Mechanics manual page 14
- 16) c Mechanics manual page 13
- 17) c 9 - 2.3b
- 18) b 4 - 17.1.f; 4 - 17.2
- 19) c 2 - 14.7f; 4 - 53.1d,2a
- 20) a Mechanics manual page 10
- 21) b 4 - 19.1.d; 5 - 12.1.a; 6 - 1.4.b; 7 - 6.a

**COMMENTARY:** The central to this question is the fact that the throw-in and the throw-in count begin when the ball is at the disposal of a player, thus creating a live ball. According to rule, the ball is at the disposal of a player when it is either *placed* at her disposal (by an official) or it becomes *available* to her after a goal. However, an official's judgment determines when the ball is *available* to a player for a throw-in after a goal since the official is not *placing* it at her disposal.

After the goal is scored (dead ball) and when the ball is available to a player for the throw-in (live ball) is typically a very short window. Whether the player is holding the ball and where she is standing (in or out of bounds) may be irrelevant since she could purposely stand beside the bouncing ball with the clock running in order to gain an advantage. Current rules provide a way for officials to begin a throw-in count to prevent this kind of advantage. While the rules do not require a player to be standing out of bounds for the throw-in to begin, they do require a player to be out of bounds to actually perform the throw-in. These are not mistakes in the rules book, but tools provided to keep the game fair. The ball was judged to be at the player's disposal when she grabbed it out of the net (available to her for a throw-in), thus making 'b' the correct response.

- 22) a NYS Modification, 4 - 20.4

**COMMENTARY:** When the coach was notified that the player is disqualified, that player becomes bench personnel. NYS Modification says that you never send an ejected player out of the gym. Therefore, she is the Head Coach's responsibility.

- 23) b 10 - 3.8; 4 - 17.1.g
- 24) b 2 - 11.6c; 6 - 3.1e

25) c 10-2.5a penalty (section 2)

**COMMENTARY:** The resumption of play rule (4-56) cannot be used at the start of any quarter. NYS Modification uses quarters instead of halves.