



Pre-Season Rules Test Questions - Referees

Where not specified in the question, A1 - A5 are the players on the playing court from the offensive team, A6 - A12 are the substitutes or excluded players from the offensive team. B1 - B5 are the players on the playing court from the defensive team, B6 - B12 are the substitutes or excluded players from the defensive team. Questions are based on OBR 2024 v1.0a, OBRI 2024 v1.0a, IOT Manual v2.5, 3PO Manual v2.0, Table Official Mechanics Manual v6.5. These are all available with FIBA iRef Library Academy App.

#	Question	YES	NO
1	If A1's throw-in lodges between the ring and backboard, is this a jump ball situation?	YES	NO
2	If during the 1st quarter the scorer erroneously awards 2 points to the wrong player and the error is recognised between the 1st and 2nd quarter, can the error be corrected at that time?	YES	NO
3	Is a pre-game conference important for teamwork and consistency in officiating?	YES	NO
4	If team A's assistant coach is disqualified for involvement in a fight and there are no other penalties, should team B shoot 4 FTs with no line-up and get the ball?	YES	NO
5	If B4 fouls A4 on a successful shot and it's the 6th team foul, should the goal count and A4 be awarded 2 free throws?	YES	NO
6	When a referee stops the game to clean the court after A1 scores a goal, is it legal for B3 to run along the endline before releasing the ball for a throw-in?	YES	NO
7	If B5 commits an unsportsmanlike foul on A3 and A4 commits a technical foul while A3 holds the ball for the 1st free throw, should the two penalties cancel each other?	YES	NO
8	Can a doctor enter the court without a referee's permission if immediate treatment is necessary?	YES	NO
9	If A4 is injured after a rebound and B1 begins a fast break, should the referee stop the game immediately?	YES	NO

10	Is it important for decision making that the technique for blowing the whistle involves a strong, short blow ("spit") into the whistle, done one time?	YES	NO
11	Is the team's head coach the one to sign the scoresheet in case of protest?	YES	NO
12	Should the FNAOS signal always be used for defensive fouls not in the act of shooting?	YES	NO
13	If A2 scores and then A4 and B4 commit technical fouls, should play resume with a team B throw-in from the endline?	YES	NO
14	If A4 and B3 commit unsportsmanlike fouls on each other in the same sequence, should the penalties cancel?	YES	NO
15	If A3's free throw touches the ring and B1 taps it away, is that a legal play?	YES	NO
16	If B4 is injured and the game is stopped at team A's time-out request, and B4 recovers, must B4 still be substituted?	YES	NO
17	If A1 is in the restricted area for 2.5 seconds and shoots after 4 seconds, is this a 3-second violation?	YES	NO
18	If Team A has only one eligible player left after A1 commits the fifth personal foul, can they continue playing with just one player?	YES	NO
19	If A4 in the backcourt gains control of the ball after a legal jump ball tap and accidentally scores in their own basket, should the goal count?	YES	NO
20	Should referees only use the official signals defined in the FIBA Basketball Rules?	YES	NO
21	Does the ball become dead when the game clock signal sounds to end the quarter while the ball is in the air on a pass?	YES	NO
22	If A4's shot is in the air when the shot clock signal sounds, and the ball misses the ring and B4 gains clear control, is this considered a team A shot clock violation?	YES	NO
23	If A6 enters the court during a fight but doesn't participate, should A6 still be disqualified?	YES	NO

24	If A1 swings their elbows excessively at B1 outside their cylinder without contact, can the referee call a technical foul?	YES	NO
25	In a charge/block scenario, if B1 moves forward and contacts A3, should B1 be responsible for the contact?	YES	NO
26	If the team A head coach remains seated during the game, is the first assistant coach permitted to stand?	YES	NO
27	If A1 has the ball during a throw-in with 0:53 in the 4th quarter and A2 fouls B2, is this considered a team A control foul?	YES	NO
28	If the game clock malfunctions and has no visible display after a throw-in with 2:44 left in the 1st quarter, and referees stop the game with 15 seconds on the shot clock, should the error be corrected?	YES	NO
29	If a shot rebounds and still has a chance to enter, is it a goaltending violation if B4 taps it away?	YES	NO
30	When a player is faking during play, should referees give a warning to both the player and the head coach, serving as a warning for both teams?	YES	NO
31	If A1 is fouled in a shooting motion, commits a travel, and then scores, should the basket be cancelled and A1 awarded 2 free throws?	YES	NO
32	If a shooter commits a violation during the last free throw, can a time-out still be granted to either team?	YES	NO
33	Does the timer indicate to the referees, by raising the GD foul marker, when a player has been given a direct disqualifying foul by the referees?	YES	NO
34	If team B's fifth foul occurs and team A is erroneously given a throw-in, should the error be corrected if discovered after A2 has dribbled?	YES	NO
35	Does the ball become live during a throw-in when it's at the disposal of the thrower-in?	YES	NO
36	If B1 taps the ball away in the backcourt and A2 contacts B1 from behind with no defender between B1 and the basket, is this an unsportsmanlike foul by A2?	YES	NO
37	If B5 is warned for interfering with a throw-in, and later B3 does the same, should B3 get a technical foul?	YES	NO

38	When handling a double foul, should the officials report the foul to both benches, show how the game will continue with either a throw-in direction or jump ball situation and throw-in direction?	YES	NO
39	If B1 taps the ball away in the backcourt and A2 laterally contacts B1 with no one between B1 and the basket, is this a personal foul by A2?	YES	NO
40	If B1 and A1 both commit personal fouls at the same time during post play, should this be called a double foul?	YES	NO
41	If B1 fouls A1 and it's the fifth team foul, and Team A is erroneously awarded a throw-in from which they score, should the error be corrected if discovered at half time?	YES	NO
42	If A1 commits an interference violation, should the game resume with a team B throw-in anywhere behind the endline except directly behind the backboard?	YES	NO
43	Should a head coach be disqualified from the game if charged with 2 technical fouls for personal unsportsmanlike behaviour?	YES	NO
44	If A1 ends a dribble, passes the ball, and catches it after it accidentally touches B2, is this a legal play?	YES	NO
45	Should a 5th personal foul be considered a disqualifying foul requiring the player to leave the game?	YES	NO
46	If the shot clock is erroneously reset after A1's shot misses the ring and A3 scores from the rebound, should A3's goal be cancelled if the error is discovered at that time?	YES	NO
47	If A1 hands the ball to A2 during a throw-in, is this a violation by team A?	YES	NO
48	Should the referee blow the whistle immediately when a violation occurs during a free throw while the ball is in the air (except for fakes)?	YES	NO
49	Should there be a maximum of 4 table officials: scorer, assistant scorer, timer, and shot clock operator?	YES	NO

50	If A2 mistakenly scores a free throw awarded to A5 after a time-out and the error is recognised at the next dead ball, should A2's free throw be cancelled and the game resume with a team B throw-in?	YES	NO
51	Is it best to focus on something whilst moving?	YES	NO
52	If B1 contacts A2 from behind on a clear path, before A2 catches the ball, is this an unsportsmanlike foul?	YES	NO
53	If A1 receives a pass with the left foot on the court, is A1 allowed to jump off this foot and land on both feet simultaneously?	YES	NO
54	If B1 fouls A1 during a shot and the ball is still on the upward flight when B2 taps it away, should A1's goal count?	YES	NO
55	In the case of an airborne shooter, does the act of shooting end when the ball leaves the shooter's hands?	YES	NO
56	Does the ball become dead immediately when it enters the basket on a free throw?	YES	NO
57	Is there no need to practise the official signals at all?	YES	NO
58	If A1 appears to have an injured ankle and the game is stopped, and the Team A manager treats A1 on the court, must A1 be substituted?	YES	NO
59	When A1's throw-in touches a referee on court, should the game clock start?	YES	NO
60	If A1 dribbles when team A head coach commits a technical foul and A1 and B1 both commit technical fouls, does team B lose possession due to B1's technical foul?	YES	NO
61	Can a player/coach who fouled out continue coaching as head coach?	YES	NO
62	Are successive attempts to score by tapping the ball towards the opponents' basket considered an act of shooting only if made with two hands?	YES	NO
63	If team A requests a time-out before the throw-in following two made free throws, should the time-out be granted?	YES	NO
64	If B1 fouls A1 and A1 makes illegal elbow contact simultaneously, can this be called a double foul with personal and unsportsmanlike penalties?	YES	NO
65	Can Action Areas involve players both with and without the ball, and help referees in identifying key play zones?	YES	NO

66	If B1 fouls A1 on a 3-point attempt and B2 commits goaltending, should A1 get 3 points and 1 free throw?	YES	NO
67	If A1 elbows B1 excessively while B1 is trying to recover a loose ball, should this be considered an unsportsmanlike foul by A1?	YES	NO
68	If A1 lands with the left foot first then the right, can either foot be used as the pivot?	YES	NO
69	If a double foul occurs with 4 seconds on the shot clock while A1's shot is in the air and does not go in, and the arrow favours team A, should the shot clock be reset to 24 seconds for team A?	YES	NO
70	If a fight starts and A7, A8, and B9 are disqualified for leaving the bench while A4 is dribbling, should the game resume with a team A throw-in from the nearest spot to where the ball was?	YES	NO
71	Should referees be aware of the shot clock nearing its end to make correct calls?	YES	NO
72	If A8 reports to the timer during a time-out, does A8 become a player once the time-out ends?	YES	NO
73	If A1 throws the ball deliberately against the backboard, does this count as the start of a dribble?	YES	NO
74	If a team in control commits a technical foul, should the shot clock reset to 24 seconds?	YES	NO
75	Is the penalty for a technical foul the same for both players and head coaches?	YES	NO
76	Is the first step of a successful rotation that the lead referee moves to a close down position?	YES	NO
77	Should the reporting referee normally move to the opposite side during a free-throw situation?	YES	NO
78	If A4 fouls B3 and B3 retaliates and is given a disqualifying foul by the referee, should B6 shoot 2 free throws followed by A4's 2, with team A resuming possession?	YES	NO
79	If team B's head coach commits a technical foul while A1 is dribbling in the backcourt, should the game resume after the free throw with a team A throw-in and a reset shot clock to 24 seconds?	YES	NO

80	If B1 taps the ball out-of-bounds while A1 is dribbling in the backcourt, and B2 deflects A3's throw-in, should the 8-second period continue from the time B2 touches the ball?	YES	NO
81	If B1 fouls A1 with 1:45 left in the 4th quarter and it's the 5th team foul, and Team A is erroneously awarded a throw-in, then B1 fouls A2 before the error is recognised, should A2 be awarded 2 free throws without line-up and A1 then be awarded 2 free throws, with the game resuming as after any last free throw?	YES	NO
82	If thrower-in A1 passes the ball to A2 who jumps from the frontcourt and lands in the backcourt, is this a backcourt violation by team A?	YES	NO
83	If team A commits a technical foul before an alternating possession throw-in, does team B gain possession at the next jump ball?	YES	NO
84	If A3's shot is within the basket when A1 contacts the ball, should the ball become dead immediately?	YES	NO
85	If B4 commits a disqualifying contact foul against A4 causing injury, may any team A player attempt the 2 free throws after A10 substitutes for A4?	YES	NO
86	If A5, one of the starting five players, is injured 5 minutes before the start and is replaced by A6, should Team B be allowed to substitute two of its starting five players as well?	YES	NO
87	If the ball has left the free-throw shooter's hands and a referee whistles for a violation by a rebounder, does the ball become dead at that time?	YES	NO
88	If a team A accompanying delegation member, notices a scoring error at half-time, should the crew chief verify if it's correctable?	YES	NO
89	If a goal is cancelled due to a traveling violation, should the throw-in be awarded from the free-throw line extended?	YES	NO
90	With 0.2 seconds on the game clock, can a player only score by tapping or dunking the ball from the inbound pass?	YES	NO
91	If A1 is injured and recovers within 15 seconds after an assistant coach enters, must A1 still be substituted?	YES	NO
92	If the game is stopped for a wet floor during a backcourt throw-in, should the game resume from the frontcourt throw-in line?	YES	NO
93	If A1 jumps from a place on the court and lands on a spot not occupied by opponents during take-off, is A1 allowed to land there?	YES	NO

94	Must there be only 14 seats available in each team's bench area?	YES	NO
95	If A2 jumps from the backcourt and lands with the left foot in the frontcourt while catching a pass from A1, is this a backcourt violation by team A?	YES	NO
96	After substitutions, is there no need for the referee to check the number of players on court as this is the responsibility of the head coach?	YES	NO
97	Is the 1-2-3-4 technique the correct way to referee a shooting situation?	YES	NO
98	If A3's shot is touched by B3 on the downward flight while the ball is above the ring, is this a goaltending violation by B3?	YES	NO
99	If B1 commits a violation during A1's last free throw, can B6 substitute for B2 immediately after?	YES	NO
100	Are throw-in lines only marked opposite the scorer's table?	YES	NO