

FHSSA Basketball Officials' Exam Questions

1. While in Team A's frontcourt with Team A in control, a pass from A1 is deflected by defender B1 and touches A2 before going into Team A's backcourt; whereby A2 goes into the backcourt and is the first player to touch the ball. The official is correct in ruling:
 - a) No violation has occurred;
 - b) A backcourt violation on Team A awarding possession to Team B for a throw-in at mid-court;
 - c) A backcourt violation on Team A awarding possession to Team B for a throw-in at the designated spot nearest to where A2 first touched the ball;
 - d) None of the above is correct.

Answer: c (r 9-9-1)

2. During a spot throw-in, A1 passes the ball to teammate A2 who catches the ball on the out-of-bounds side of the throw-in boundary-line plane. The official is correct in ruling:
 - a) A throw-in violation on Team A, awarding possession to Team B for a spot throw at the spot that A2 caught the ball;
 - b) No violation has occurred;
 - c) A throw-in violation on Team A, awarding possession to Team B for a throw-in at the original throw-in spot.

Answer: c (r 9-2-3; penalty)

3. Which of the following is NOT included in the duties of the referee:
 - a) Decide whether a goal shall count if the officials disagree;
 - b) Declare the game a forfeit when conditions warrant;
 - c) Overrule the decision of another official if the referee feels the decision was in error;
 - d) None of the above.

Answer: c (r 2-5 and 2-6)

4. Which of the following is NOT an example of a correctable error:
 - a) Failure to award a merited free throw;
 - b) Permitting a wrong player to attempt a free throw;
 - c) Attempting a free throw at the wrong basket;
 - d) Erroneously counting or canceling a score
 - e) None of the above.

Answer: e (r 2-10-1)

5. Which of the following is NOT an example of basket interference:
- a) Player touches the ball while it is on the rim;
 - b) Player touches the net while the ball is within the basket;
 - c) Player touches the ball while it is within the imaginary cylinder which has the basket as its lower base;
 - d) Player touches the ball outside of the imaginary cylinder during its downward flight while entirely above the basket and has the possibility of entering the basket.

Answer: d (r 4-6 and 4-22)

6. During a throw-in near half-court, A1 passes the ball into A2 in Team A's frontcourt. B1 tips the ball which strikes the lower leg of A2 while he is in the frontcourt with the ball going into the backcourt. A3 is the first player to touch the ball in the backcourt; recovering the ball for Team A. The official is correct in ruling:
- a) A backcourt violation on Team A awarding possession to Team B for a throw-in;
 - b) A kicking violation on A2 awarding possession to Team B for a throw-in at the spot nearest the violation;
 - c) No violation has occurred;
 - d) None of the above is correct.

Answer: c (r 4-12-6 and 9-9-1)

7. Which of the following is NOT a requirement for a closely guarded situation:
- a) Ball is in the frontcourt of the team with control;
 - b) Player in control of ball is continuously guarded by a single opponent;
 - c) Opponent must be within six feet of the player who is holding or dribbling the ball;
 - d) None of the above.

Answer: b (r 4-10)

8. A1 catches the throw-in pass with one foot on the floor in A's frontcourt and the other foot in the air (not touching the floor), the non-pivot foot. A1 then brings the non-pivot foot down in A1's backcourt. A1 then passes the ball to A2 who has both feet in A's backcourt. The official is correct in ruling:
- a) No violation has occurred;
 - b) A backcourt violation on A1 when the non-pivot foot hits the floor in A's backcourt;
 - c) No violation when non-pivot foot touches the floor in the backcourt; however, a backcourt violation after the ball is passed to A2.

Answer: b (4-12-6 & 9-9-3)

9. A1 enters the 3-second lane in A's frontcourt while Team A has team control, looking for a pass from teammate A2. Not receiving a pass, A1 steps out-of-bounds directly under A's basket in order to stop the 3-second count. The official is correct in ruling:
- a) A 3-second violation on A1 as he did not legally clear the 3-second lane;
 - b) No violation;
 - c) A1 charged with a violation for leaving the court for an unauthorized reason.

Answer: c (r 9-7 and 9-3-3)

10. While attempting a spot throw-in in A's backcourt, A1 holds the ball through the plane of the end line. B1 grabs the ball out of A1's hands and throws it through Team B's basket. The official is correct in ruling:
- a) Throw-in violation on A1 for breaking the plane of the end line with the ball; awarding possession to Team B at the initial throw-in spot;
 - b) A technical foul on B1; no warning for delay is required;
 - c) No violation on either A1 or B1; awards the basket to Team B and Team A gets possession anywhere along the end line under Team B's basket.

Answer: c (9-2 NOTE)

POSSIBLE TEST QUESTIONS

1. A-1 drives the lane, goes airborne and releases the ball on a try for goal. The ball enters the basket while A-1 is still airborne. A-1 returns to the floor, touches the floor with one foot and then crashes into B-1 who had established a legal guarding position.
- a. This is a player control foul on A-1. No points are scored and Team B is awarded the ball for a throw-in at the spot nearest the foul.
 - b. This is a blocking foul on B-1. The goal is counted and A-1 will shoot one free throw for being fouled in the act of shooting.
 - c. ~~b~~ The ball becomes dead when the ball enters the basket and A-1 returns to the floor. The goal is scored and the contact is ignored.
 - d. ~~a~~ None of the above.

Correct answer c. Rule 6-6.1, & 4-19.1(Note)


2. Both Team A and Team B use all of their allotted time outs during regulation play. The score is tied at the end of regulation. If neither team has used a time out in the first overtime period, a time out shall **not** be granted during that overtime period when:
- a. Team A requests a time out after the ball has been placed at the disposal of free thrower A-1.
 - b. Team B requests a time out immediately after the ball bounces off player B-1 and goes out of bounds.
 - c. Team A coach requests a time out immediately after A-1 scores a goal to tie the score.
 - d. Team A coach requests a time out when the referee is ready to make the toss to begin the overtime period.

Correct answer d. Rule 5-12.4

3. A technical foul shall be called when:
- a. Player A-1 dunks the ball and then grasps the ring to avoid coming down on Player B-1.
 - b. Player B-1 commits basket interference during a free throw attempt by A-1.

d. Simultaneous free throw violations occur.


Correct answer c. Rule 6-4.1



7. With regard to Team control:

- a. Team control continues on a try for goal until it is certain that the try is unsuccessful.
- b. Handing the ball to the thrower in establishes Team control.
- c. Team control is lost when B-1 slaps the ball away from dribbler A-1 so that A-1 is no longer in player control.
- d. Team control ends when the ball becomes dead.

Correct answer d. Rule 4-12.3.c



8. As player A-1 drives the lane he is fouled by B-1. At the same time A-2 is fouled by B-2. Team A is in the bonus.

- a. This is a double foul. A-1 will go to the line for one and one with the no players on the lane and then A-2 will go to the line for one and one with players on the lane.
- b. This is a false double foul. The ball is put in play using the alternating possession procedure.
- c. This is a multiple foul. One free throw for each foul.
- d. This a false multiple foul. Each foul carries its own penalty.

Correct answer d. Rule 4-19.12, Rule 10-6.7

9. During the jump ball to begin the game, A-1 taps the ball with his right hand and then with both hands. The ball goes towards A-2 and B-2 where it results in a held ball.

- a. Violation by A-1. Team B receives the ball for a throw in. The possession arrow will be set towards Team A's basket after the throw in has ended.
- b. The referee will repeat the toss between A-1 and B-1.
- c. A jump ball will be administered with A-2 and B-2 as the jumpers.


d. A jump ball will be administered between any two opposing players.



10. With the ball in Team A's front court, A-1 passes the ball to A-2. The ball is deflected by B-1 toward Team A's back court. A-2 jumps from the front court, catches the ball in the air and then lands in the back court.

- a. There is no violation. Play proceeds without interruption. A new 10 second count will begin when A-2 lands in the back court.
- b. Back court violation by Team B.
- c. Held ball. Ball is put into play using the alternating possession procedure.
- d. Back court violation by Team A.

Correct answer. d. Rule 9-9.1, Rule 4-35.3

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1. The horn sounds to signal the end of the fourth quarter. The score is tied. As the teams are walking to their benches, a player for the home team is assessed a technical foul for unsporting conduct. Simultaneously, the coach of the visiting team is assessed a technical foul. Which of the following scenarios should occur?
 - A) All of the free throws will be shot to begin the extra period, and both coaches will lose their coaching boxes.
 - B) All of the free throws will be shot to begin the extra period and only the visiting will lose his coaching box.
 - C) The free throws will be shot to determine if an extra period should be played and the home coach may stand during their administration.
 - D) None of the above.


ANSWER: A.

Pursuant to 5-6-2, Ex. 4 – If a technical foul occurs after the ball has become dead to end a quarter or extra period, the next quarter is started by administering the free throws. This applies when the foul occurs after any quarter has ended, including the fourth quarter, provided there is to be an extra period.

Pursuant to 10-5-1(a) – The first technical foul charged directly or indirectly to the head coach results in the loss of coaching-box privileges and the head coach must remain seated for the remainder of the game.

Pursuant to 4-34-2 – Bench personnel are all individuals who are part of or affiliated with a team, including, but not limited to: substitutes, coaches, managers, and statisticians. During an intermission, all team members are bench personnel.

For the definition of *intermission*, see 10-4-4(c) – the intermission between quarters and extra periods.

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2. With 5:34 left in the third quarter, a player for the home team is assessed a personal foul. That foul constituted the seventh foul for the home team. As the official is proceeding to the table, the same player makes an unsporting comment to the official and is assessed a technical foul. The player had three fouls prior to the sounding of the official's first whistle. What answer best indicates the order that this situation should be administered? Assume there are not any restrictions on the calling official to administer the situation.
 - A) 1. Report the fouls to the table. 2. Administer the technical foul. 3. Inform the Home coach his player has been disqualified.
 - B) 1. After being informed by the table that the technical foul was the player's fifth person foul, inform the coach that his player is disqualified. 2. Then, inform the player he is disqualified. 3. Then, ask the Visiting coach for a player to shoot the technical. 4. Administer the technical and bonus free throws in this order. 5. Administer a throw-in at the spot nearest the throw-in.
 - C) Before the calling official begins reporting the personal and technical fouls, he recognizes that the fouls mark the Home Teams' seventh foul and is informed by the official scorer that the player is disqualified. 1. The calling official then informs the Home coach his player is disqualified. 2. Then, inform the player he is disqualified. 3. He then locates the player that was fouled to administer the

bonus free throw. 4. Then, ask the Visiting coach for a player to shoot the technical. 5. Administer the technical free throws. 6. Administer a throw-in at the spot nearest the throw-in.

- D) Before the calling official begins reporting the personal and technical fouls, he recognizes that the fouls mark the Home Teams' seventh foul and is informed by the official scorer that the player is disqualified. 1. The calling official then informs the Home coach his player is disqualified and request the time to start the clock for the replacement interval. 2. Then, inform the player he is disqualified. 3. He then locates the player that was fouled to administer the bonus free throw. 4. Then, ask the Visiting coach for a player to shoot the technical. 5. Administer the technical free throws. 6. Administer a throw-in at mid-court, opposite the scoring table.

ANSWER – D.

Pursuant to 4-19-13 – A team foul is any person foul or technical foul that is charged to either team. All team fouls are counted to reach the bonus free throw.

Pursuant to 4-14-1 – A disqualified player is one who is barred from further participation in the game because of having committed his/her fifth foul (personal and technical), two technicals or a flagrant foul

Pursuant to 3.4.(H)

3. A1 is dribbling the ball at the free-throw line when a three-second violation is called on his teammate, A4. Where is the throw-in administered?
- A) On the sideline, opposite the table, directly across from the free-throw line.
 - B) On the endline, nearest to where the violation was called.
 - C) At the division line, opposite the table.
 - D) On the sideline, on either side of the court, directly across from the free-throw line.

ANSWER – B. 7-5-2(a). 9-7.

4. While A1's throw-in pass is in the air and has not touched any player, A2 fouls B3. Team B is in the bonus. What is the result?
- A) Common foul on A2 and Team B receives a throw-in at the spot nearest the foul.
 - B) Team control foul on A2 and B3 receives a one-and-one free throw attempt.
 - C) Team control foul on A2 and Team B receives a throw-in at the spot nearest the foul.
 - D) Common foul on A2 and B3 receives a one-and-one free throw attempt.
 - E) ANSWER – A. 4-12-6 – neither team control nor player control exists during a dead ball, throw-in, a jump ball or when the ball is in flight during a try or tap for goal. 4-19-7 – A team control foul is a common foul committed by a member of the team that has team control. 10-6-3a (Pen) For seventh, eighth and ninth team foul each half, if first free throw is successful.

5. During an alternating possession throw-in, A1 holds the ball over the boundary line and B1 grabs the ball while A1 is still holding it. What is the result?

- A) Technical Foul on B1.
- B) Violation on Team A.
- C) Held ball and throw-in to team A.
- D) Held ball and throw-in to team B.

ANSWER – C – 4.42.5; 6.4.4; 9.2.10; 4.24.1

6. While a tap is in flight, Player A1 swings his right arm towards the basket. What must Player A1 do for Player A1 to be assessed a technical foul.

- A) Intentionally slap the backboard.
- B) Cause the ring to vibrate.
- C) Either A or B.
- D) None of the above.

ANSWER – C- 10.3.4B

7. A1 is fouled by B2 while in the act of shooting as the buzzer goes off to end the third quarter. Before A1 completes the free throws, team B's coach is given a technical foul. When will Team A shoot the technical foul throws and which team gets the ball to start the third quarter.

- A) The free throws will be shot following A1's free throws to complete the third quarter and Team A will receive the ball to start the fourth quarter.
- B) The free throws will be shot following A1's free throws to complete the third quarter and the direction of the possession arrow will determine which team will get the ball to start the fourth quarter.
- C) As soon as the Coach of Team B is assessed a technical foul, the officials will clear the lane spaces. The Third Quarter will end upon the completion of the A1's free throws. Team A will receive the ball at the division line to start the fourth quarter as part of the penalty for the technical foul.
- D) Team A will shot two free throws to start the fourth quarter. The direction of the possession arrow will determine which team will get the ball to start the fourth quarter.

ANSWER – B. 5.6.2

8. With eight minutes to go before tip-off, the referee notices that Team A has team members that will use the number 0 and the number 00. After making this observation, the referee notifies both coaches of this observation. The Coach of Team A decides changes the number for 00 to 55 in the official scorebook. When should the Referee or members of his crew assess a penalty against Team A or its coach?

- A) When the two numbers are observed in the official scorers book.
- B) When number 0 enters the game.
- C) Never.
- D) When the coach changes the number in the official scorebook.

ANSWER – D - 3.4.3D; 10-5-4; 10-1-2