



Table Times

The ABBTO Newsletter - September 2008

Welcome

This is the first quarterly newsletter of the Association of British Basketball Table Officials (ABBTO - for those who don't know!). The aim is to inform, update and, hopefully, entertain all those who table officiate, whether that's at the local school, or an international match.

- For those who aren't aware, the stated objectives of the association are:
- To develop table officials with knowledge, experience and respect within the game.
- To further the development of basketball
- To promote table officials' education and training
- To encourage the sharing of knowledge through publications, conferences, courses and research
- To offer a range of expert advice and support such as befits a professional association

We hope that this newsletter goes some way to help promote these objectives.

Help Required - An Appeal from the Editor



I need your help to make this newsletter a success. Firstly, I would like this to reach every table official in the country. But to do that, I need contact details, email addresses for preference, so I can send it to you. Due to Data Protection restrictions we can't use the registration information passed to EB, so we are asking anyone who receives this to pass it on to any other table officials they know. If you would like to receive the newsletter directly, could you pass your details on to me, or your regional rep. I guarantee that the details will not be passed to any other organisation or company.

This is intended to be a NEWSletter. For this to happen, we need your news. Those who attended the conference put forward a number of very good suggestions so here are some ideas: course dates, upcoming tournaments for development opportunities, table officials moving or available for games, contacts/feedback, rules/interpretations/best practice and changes to these, achievements, congratulations to newly qualified officials, reports from major events, quizzes and special situations. Outside of that, ideas for articles, the articles themselves would be great, questions you've always wanted answered. In fact anything you feel would be of interest to a wider audience. Please send all contributions to my email address below.

In this collector's first edition, you'll find a 2008 Conference report, a summary of the rule changes for this season, contact details for the ABBTO committee and a rules quiz for you to test your knowledge.

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2008 National Officiating Conference

Held this year at the University of Worcester, there were a number of presentations and interactive sessions. This is a brief report on the conference, a full report will be available from the ABBTO web site.

One of the key presentations was an exploration of the new rules and interpretations. These are summarised on the next page. Still focused on the rules, the referees ran a rules test, which whilst very interesting, was primarily situations requiring referees to make decisions.

In a separate table officials session, there was a quiz exploring rules, mechanics and interpretations from the table perspective. Some of the clarifications from this follow after the rules updates. If you missed it, then the ABBTO website is again the place to go to get a copy. (The answers are also available.)

Claire, Laura and Janine ran a presentation for the full conference regarding completion the scoresheet and table official duties. This is primarily to help referees understand what they're looking for when they check the scoresheet, and to give them some guidance when they are asked to assess the performance of a table official.

News from the AGM. Re-election of Patricia Fairclough as the Chairperson, and Claire Ormandy as Assistant Secretary. And due to Austin Grant stepping down Andrea Livesey was elected as Membership Officer. A full list of the committee is given below, along with their email addresses.

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Rule Changes

	Old Rule	New Rule
Article 4.3: Uniforms	T-shirts, regardless of style, may not be worn under shirts unless the player has written medical permission. If such permission has been granted, the T-shirt must be of the same dominant colour as the shirt.	The provision that T-shirts may be worn by players under their game uniforms is no longer valid.
Article 25.2.3: Player Falling on the Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is legal when a player falls on the floor while holding the ball or, while lying or sitting on the floor, gains control of the ball. •It is a violation if the player then slides, rolls, or attempts to stand up while holding the ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It is legal when a player falls and slides on the floor while holding the ball or, while lying or sitting on the floor, gains control of the ball. •It is a violation if the player then rolls or attempts to stand up while holding the ball.
Article 28.1.3: Ball goes into team's frontcourt	<p>The ball goes into a team's frontcourt when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It touches the frontcourt. •It touches a player or an official who has part of his body in contact with the frontcourt. 	<p>The ball goes into a team's frontcourt when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It touches the frontcourt. •It touches a player or an official who has part of his body in contact with the frontcourt. •During a dribble from backcourt to frontcourt, both feet of the dribbler and the ball are in contact with the frontcourt.
Article 30.1.2: Ball returned to the backcourt	<p>The ball has been illegally returned to the backcourt when a player of the team in control of the live ball is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The last to touch the ball in his frontcourt, after which that player or a teammate is the first to touch the ball in the backcourt. •The last to touch the ball in his backcourt, after which the ball touches the frontcourt and then is first touched by that player or team-mate in the backcourt. <p>This restriction applies to all situations in a team's frontcourt, including throw-ins.</p>	<p>The ball has been illegally returned to the backcourt when a player of the team in control of the live ball is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The last to touch the ball in his frontcourt, after which that player or a teammate is the first to touch the ball in the backcourt. •The last to touch the ball in his backcourt, after which the ball touches the frontcourt and then is first touched by that player or team-mate in the backcourt. <p>This restriction applies to all situations in a team's frontcourt, including throw-ins.</p> <p>However, it does not apply to a player who jumps from his frontcourt, establishes new team control while still airborne and then lands in his team's backcourt.</p>
Article 31.2.4: Goaltending and interference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A player reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A player reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball. This is valid also on a pass and also after the ball has touched the ring. •A player grasps the basket to play the ball. This is valid also after the ball has touched the ring.
Article 36.1.4: Unsportsman-like foul		If a defensive player causes contact with an opponent from behind or laterally in an attempt to stop a fast break and there is no opponent between the offensive player and the opponents' basket, then the contact shall be judged to be unsportsmanlike.
Article 38.3.1: Technical		Excessive swinging of elbows. This applies even if no contact is made

The presentation given at the National Conference is available from the England Basketball website [here](#). The full 2008 rules and interpretations are available to download from the [FIBA](#) web site.

Table Mechanic Changes

- Scorekeeper:** If a team accidentally scores a field goal in its own basket, the points are recorded as having been scored by the court captain of the opposing team. This is changed from the current mechanic of assigning it to the team captain, even if he's on the bench. If the identity of the court is not known, this should be ascertained from the coach at a suitable point.
- Timekeeper:** It is the referees duty to signal that there are 3 minutes before the starting time of the match and 1½ minutes before the start of the 1st and 3rd quarters. The timekeeper should still signal 3 minutes before the start of the 3rd quarter, and 30 seconds before the start of the 2nd and 4th quarters.
- Shot Clock:** The shot clock should be reset if an pass accidentally hits the ring. This might typically happen if a team attempt an alley-oop. The wording of Article 50.2 has changed from "A shot for a field goal touches the ring unless the ball lodges on the basket support" to "The ball touches the ring of the opponents' basket unless the ball lodges on the basket support".

And Finally...

Here's a rules quiz to test your knowledge. There are no prizes to be won, this is just for fun. The answers will be in the next newsletter. If you can't wait that long, then I'm willing to send them to you, but the price is an article for the next newsletter.

- 1) Team A has been in control of the ball for 15 seconds when a double foul is committed by A4 and B4. After communicating the fouls to the scorer, the officials award the ball to team A for a throw-in. Shall team A also be awarded a new 24-second period?
- 2) While the game is played, coach A chooses to remain seated. Is the assistant coach of team A permitted to remain standing while coach A is seated?
- 3) A3 is in the opponents' restricted area for more than 3 seconds while A5 is dribbling the ball in the team A backcourt. Has A3 committed a 3-second violation?
- 4) During the half-time interval and with team A entitled to the next alternating possession throw-in, a technical foul is committed by B5. As a result of the B5 technical foul, a team A player is awarded two free throws, to be followed by a throw-in for team A at the centre line extended opposite the scorer's table to begin the third period. Shall team A continue to be entitled to the next alternating possession throw-in?
- 5) A5 is awarded one free throw. A5's free throw attempt fails to touch the rim and as a result, a throw-in is awarded to team B. Before the ball is handed to B2 out-of-bounds for the throw-in, A10 reports to the scorer's table to substitute for A5. Shall the substitution be permitted?
- 6) After the ball is legally tapped on the jump ball that begins the game but before the ball can be controlled by either team, a held ball occurs between A4 and B4. The officials rule that another jump ball shall be administered. Shall the jumpers be A4 and B4?
- 7) A shot for a field goal by A3 is in the air when the 24-second signal sounds. Shall the the 24-second signal also cause the game clock to be stopped immediately?
- 8) A pass from A2 to A4 is above the rim when B5 reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball. Shall two (or three) points be awarded to to A2?
- 9) Team A has been in control os the ball for six seconds in the team A backcourt then B4 deliberately contacts the ball with his foot. A throw-in is awarded to team A in it's backcourt. Shall team A have only two seconds remaining to advance the ball into the team A frontcourt?
- 10) A3 and B3 are involved in a double foul, after which a technical foul is committed by coach A. Shall play resume with two free throws awarded to team B, followed by a throw-in for team B at the centre line extended opposite the scorer's table?