

Rules and Interpretations

Current examples for clarification:

Example 1:

A1 is stationary with the ball in his hands close to the centre line and in his backcourt, his teammate A2, is also close to the centre line and in his backcourt. A1 makes a pass to A2. When the ball is in its flight, it is deflected by B1, who has one foot touching his backcourt. This simple touch doesn't change the direction of the ball, and A2 catches it. At the moment B1 touches the ball. Is the ball considered to be in the frontcourt?

Correct Interpretation: (Article 28.1.2, bullet point 3). Yes, we will have new 8 second count for team A in their backcourt, with the same period of 24 sec. (Article 28.1.2, bullet point 4). This situation is same if the ball touches the referee, who has part of his body in contact with team A's frontcourt.

Example 2:

A1 has the ball in his hands straddling the centre line (or standing in his own backcourt). A2 is also in the same position straddling the centre line. A1 passes to A2, bouncing the ball in his frontcourt. A2 catches the ball, which is NOT touched by any other player. After it touches the frontcourt is the ball in the frontcourt and shall there be a new 8 seconds for team A, with the same 24 sec. period?

Correct Interpretation: No, there is no new 8 seconds because A1 and A2 do not have both feet in the frontcourt (Art 28.1.2, bullet point 2).

Example 3:

Player A1 releases a shot for a field goal. While the ball is in the air, a defensive foul is called against B2 who fouls A4. There is 10 seconds remaining on the 24-second device when the whistle sounds.

- *The foul by B2 is team B's 5th foul of the period.*

The ball;

- a) Enters the basket
- b) Hits the ring but does not enter the basket

Correct Interpretation:

In (a), the basket is valid and player A4 is awarded 2 free throws.

In (b) player A4 is awarded 2 free throws only.

- The foul by B2 is team B's 2nd foul of the period.

The ball;

- a) Enters the basket
- b) Hits the ring but does not enter the basket

Correct Interpretation:

In both (a) and (b) the ball will be awarded to team A with fourteen (14) seconds remaining on the twenty-four (24) second clock.

This is administered according to Art 29, Statement 4 of the Official Interpretations:

Bullet point 1 – If fourteen (14) seconds or more are displayed on the twenty-four (24) second clock at the time the game was stopped, the twenty-four (24) second clock shall not be reset, but shall continue from the time it was stopped.

Bullet point 2 – If thirteen (13) seconds or less are displayed on the twenty-four (24) second clock at the time the game was stopped, the twenty-four (24) second clock shall be reset to fourteen (14) seconds. Therefore in example 2(a), team A shall be awarded two (2) points, the twenty-four (24) second clock shall be re-set to fourteen (14) seconds and team A shall have possession of the ball out of bounds at the point closest to where the foul occurred. In example 2(b), the twenty-four (24) second clock shall be re-set to fourteen (14) seconds and team A shall have possession of the ball out of bounds at the point closest to where the foul occurred.