

Basketball Rules

- 1- The teams are made up of twelve players, of those only five can play on the court at a time.
- 2- Playtime in FIBA is 40 minutes of real time divided in two 20 minute halves.
- 3- The maximum time period of possession is 24 seconds, which slows down the game a bit.
- 4- The time one has to pass half court is 8 seconds.
- 5- The value of the points is standardized
 - a. A free throw is worth 1 point.
 - b. A field goal within the perimeter is worth 2 points.
 - c. A throw from outside the perimeter is worth 3 points.
- 6- The ball cannot be intercepted in its descending phase and while the ball has not touched the hoop, in the moment that the ball touches the hoop any player can intercept it.
- 7- A basket and free throw is valid if the player has been hit when the ball has already been released and is entering the hoop.
- 8- If the ball misses, it will be 2 free throws for the player if he threw it within the perimeter, if the throw was from outside the perimeter it will be 3 free throws for the player.
- 9- After the 5th foul from one team , the opposing team will start to throw 2 free throws each time there is a personal foul committed.
- 10- If a player finds himself out of bounds in the free throw zone he will suffer an infraction called 3 seconds.
- 11- If a player maintains the ball more than 5 seconds without dribbling it he will suffer an infraction called withholding.
- 12- If a player is taking a throw from the back and delays more than 5 seconds to throw the ball, the opposing team will have possession of the ball.
- 13- If a player receives the ball and raises two feet from the floor before dribbling it he will cause an infraction called carrying.
- 14- If a player receives the ball, dribbles it, takes it and starts to dribble again he will suffer an infraction called doubles.
- 15- If in the end of the game, with the time almost to zero someone throws the ball it will be valid if the ball has left the hands of the player before the buzzer sounds. Any other way will be invalid.
- 16- One can only use one's hands with the ball.
- 17- If a player physically attacks the opposing team he will suffer a unsportsmanlike conduct foul and the attacked team will have the right to 2 free throws or 2 free throws and ball possession depending on the aggression.
- 18- If a player insults, talks back, or attacks the referee he will have the right to call a technical foul, which is sanctioned in the same way as the unsportsmanship fouls. Also he can call a technical foul on the player or the bench for the same motives as the players.
- 19- If a player commits 5 fouls he will be kicked out of the game.