

**Decisions of the FIBA Central Board  
7-8 August 2015 in Tokyo (JPN)**

**1. FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2016**

**Art 2.4 Lines**

All lines shall be drawn in white or other contrasting colour, 5 cm in width and clearly visible.

**Art. 2.4.3 Free-throw lines, restricted areas and free-throw rebound places**

The free-throw line shall be drawn parallel to each endline. It shall have its furthest edge 5.80 m from the inner edge of the endline and shall be 3.60 m long. Its mid-point shall lie on the imaginary line joining the mid-point of the two endlines.

The restricted areas shall be the rectangular areas marked on the playing court limited by the endlines, the extended free-throw lines and the lines which originate at the endlines, their outer edges being 2.45 m from the mid-point of the endlines and terminating at the outer edge of the extended free-throw lines. These lines, excluding the endlines, are part of the restricted area.

Free-throw rebound places along the restricted areas, reserved for players during free throws, shall be marked as in Diagram 2.

**Art 2.4.5 Team bench areas**

The team bench areas shall be marked outside the playing court limited by two lines as shown in Diagram 1.

There must be 16 seats available in the team bench area for the team bench personnel which consists of the coaches, the assistant coaches, the substitutes, the excluded players and the team followers. Any other persons shall be at least 2 m behind the team bench.

**Art 4.2. Rule**

4.2.1. Each team shall consist of:

- No more than 12 team members entitled to play, including a captain.
- A coach and, if a team wishes, an assistant coach
- A maximum of seven accompanying persons who may sit on the team bench and have special responsibilities, e.g. manager, doctor, physiotherapist, statistician, interpreter, etc.

## **2. FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2016 – Basketball Equipment**

### **Art. 8 and 9 Game clock**

8.2 If the main game clock is placed above the centre of the playing court, only one (1) duplicate game clock on the opposite side of the players' benches, clearly visible to both teams, will be sufficient. Each duplicate game clock shall display the score and the playing time remaining throughout the game.

9.1 For Levels 1 and 2, two (2) large scoreboards shall be:

- Placed one (1) at each end of the playing court,
- In case there is a scoreboard (cube) placed above the centre of the playing court, only one (1) duplicate scoreboard on the opposite side of the players' benches, clearly visible to both teams, will be sufficient,
- Clearly visible to everyone involved in the game, including the spectators. In case video displays are used, the complete required game information must be visible at any time during the game including intervals of play. The readability of the displayed information shall be identical compared to that of a digital scoreboard.

### **Art. 16 Playing court**

16.1 The playing court shall be marked by:

- 50 mm lines, as per the Official Basketball Rules.
- A further boundary line (Diagram 11), in a sharply contrasting colour and having a minimum width of 2,000 mm.

## **3. FIBA Internal Regulations – Book 2, Article 41**

Event organisers will allocate a minimum of twenty-one (21) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) accreditations to each team delegation but only twenty-one (21) of them shall be granted access to the playing court. In addition, the Event organiser will allocate two (2) accreditation passes with access to the VIP Tribune and Hospitality Area to each team delegation.

## **4. ONE FIBA Global Refereeing Structure and Operations**

The Central Board approved the principles of a new Licensing System to be valid as of the 2017-18 season for FIBA Referees and Commissioners. The text will be finalised with the FIBA Legal Department and FIBA's Legal Commission before being submitted to the Central Board for approval in 2016.