

**Good evening folks,**

**I just received word from FIBA that a rule interpretation was changed following the meeting of the Technical Commission in January.**

**One of the new rules implemented last October concerns the throw-in spot. In the last two minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter or any overtime, if a team is entitled to a backcourt throw-in and that team takes a time-out, when play resumes, the throw-in will go to the throw-in line in the team's frontcourt. Another modification brought in this year pertains to the shot clock reset procedure. When a team that had control of the ball is awarded a throw-in in the frontcourt, if a reset is appropriate under circumstances described in Article 29 and the shot clock shows 14 seconds or more, the time left will remain; if the shot clock displays 13 seconds or less, the shot clock will be reset to 14 seconds.**

**Then, there was a question about what would happen if there was an unsportsmanlike, technical or disqualifying foul in the last two minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter or overtime. What if the team entitled to a throw-in at mid-court, following the free throws, took a time-out. The answer originally given by FIBA was that a throw-in at mid-court was considered the same as a backcourt throw-in. Therefore, the throw-in would go to the throw-in line in the frontcourt with the reset procedure described above being in effect.**

**FIBA reconsidered this interpretation in January and decided to adopt what can be considered a more logical position at which some of our provincial interpreters had hinted right off the bat. So here it is. Regardless of the time of the game or the fact that a time-out is taken or not, the throw-in following the free throws for a technical, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul, will take place at mid-court as stipulated in the respective articles dealing with those infractions (36, 37, and 38). In addition, as stated in Article 50.2.1, the shot clock, following the free throws, will be reset to 24 seconds. Please note that this new interpretation takes effect immediately.**

**This will appear in the Post Play Express which should be posted on the website in the next few hours.**

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