

## **ZONE DEFENCES**

The “no zone” policy (within the 3-point boundary) remains in place at U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom however, OABO officials will require the assistance of an on-site representative (Site Convenor / FIBA Commissioner) in administering the rule.

OABO officials will no longer administer (call) infractions to this rule for Basketball Ontario sanctioned events however, OABO has agreed to administer an “Unsportsmanlike” Technical foul at the direction of the Site Convenor / FIBA Commissioner.

## **TRAPPING & DOUBLE-TEAMING**

The 2006 Semi-Annual Meeting of Members saw the removal of the “double-teaming restrictions” for all sanctioned events. As passed by the membership, double-teaming and trapping are no longer considered unsportsmanlike violations and may be used at any point during play, where it does not conflict with other Young Player Development Rules.

## **SITE CONVENOR / FIBA COMMISSIONER**

To accurately administer the new FIBA rules, every Basketball Ontario Site Convenor has been given the status of “FIBA Commissioner” to enforce the Young Player Development Rules (incorporated as FIBA Mini Rules). In addition, every Basketball Ontario Sanctioned Tournament Host may appoint additional FIBA Commissioners to be present throughout their tournaments.

### **FIBA Commissioner Areas of Responsibility**

- Assembling officials and Head Coaches prior to the beginning of each game, to discuss / review the changes as noted within this document
- Watch all games throughout the tournament, looking closely for teams playing deliberate zone defences.
- Listen to complaints of coaches that may feel the opposing team is playing zone against them.
- Once a complaint comes forward, watch the team in question very closely and look for obvious zone infractions. Any accidental zones (e.g., young players inadvertently not following their checks) are not the focus of the rule.
- Zones used deliberately are often 2-3; 1-2-2 or 3-2 zones that are used to crowd the key to force perimeter shooting. Review Basic Zone information on Pg 52 in the 2007 Coaches Manual for additional zone information.
- If the FIBA Commissioner notices a zone on their own or through a complaint from the Head Coach of the opposing team, the FIBA Commissioner should wait for the next stoppage in play and ask to speak with the official very quickly to inform them that a concern regarding a zone infraction has been brought forward.
- If the complaint is legitimate, the first infraction results in a warning. Each team is entitled to one warning. Any subsequent infractions will result in the official calling an unsportsmanlike foul. The FIBA Commissioner now has the authority to ask the official to call the infraction if they feel the rule has been broken deliberately.
- Anytime the zone infraction is called after the warning, the FIBA Commissioner must fill out the PTP Violation Form. If any coach receives a PTP violation in a Sanctioned Tournament game, the form must then be sent to the Basketball Ontario office within 3 business days. If a PTP violation occurs in an Ontario Cup game, the FIBA Commissioner is required to fill out the PTP Violation form and contact the Tournament Headquarters. The Rules and Regulations Committee on-hand will deal with situation at that point.