



PROTOCOLS CHECKLIST FOR REFEREES FIBA COMPETITIONS

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Basketball referees depend on protocols for consistent decision-making, ensuring consistency for the teams. This standardization minimizes personal interpretation, especially in 50-50 decisions.

This handbook covers the checklist of the basic protocols every basketball referee should know. Most of them are followed by a video demonstration. By adopting these protocols and using them on the court, you will make better decisions therefore you will have a better-quality officiating.

Making a call <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clear verbal communicationClear non-verbal communicationSelf-talkOfficial signals VIDEO	Trail to Lead <ul style="list-style-type: none">Power stepFace the court all the time & pick up the game clockLook at the defender2-count stop at endline VIDEO	Lead to Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay behind the endline until all players are on courtWait until players are at the free-throw line extendedKeep distance (3-5 meters)Trail the play at all times VIDEO	Out-of-bounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">Call the colour (Red ball!)Asking for Help (OOBH)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Partner gives direction (or if no info - jump ball)Intervention (OOBI)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Non-calling partner gives help (1000% sure) VIDEO EXT	Time control <ul style="list-style-type: none">Control of Game* and shot clock<ul style="list-style-type: none">*pick up the last 2 digits (with new possession)EOQ protocol (blow the whistle - kill the doubt)50-50 protocol - no basket (SCV / EOQ)Clock malfunction in transition - let play be advanced to frontcourt VIDEO	Time-out <ul style="list-style-type: none">Time-out signal, point at bench and say colourLeave the ball where game resumes - communication (how game resumes, time-out spots)20" remaining 2 refs move near bench areas10" bring teams back (proactivity) - don't enter team area	Time-out L2M <ul style="list-style-type: none">L2M - throw-in in backcourt / advance to frontcourtReferees keep the ballCC asks decision from HC, then points at the spot
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Throw-in

Designate spot, take distance, whistle in mouth, bounce ball, visual 5" count (outside hand)

L2M 'boundary line' signal

Warning whistle (when needed)

VIDEO

Free-throw violation

Talk to rebounders 'not too early'

Fake by shooter

If FTV occurs - immediate call after ball is released

VIDEO

Block/charge

Level of contact - requires a call or not

No-charge semi-circle (airborne players only)

50-50 protocol --> BLOCK (unless knee/elbow by offensive player)

VIDEO

Act of Shooting

Make the call (with verbal support)

FAOS / FNAOS - signal the actions in case of a shot (incl. pass-off)

Kill the doubt - 50-50 protocol -> FAOS

VIDEO

UF1

Only clear and conclusive situation - any doubt -> PF

Call and verbal support with 0-1-2 technique

Intervention (UF1) by non-calling referee - 1000% sure

VIDEO

UF2

Define criteria (C1-C4)

Protocol with multiple criteria

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