

12. Rules Changes -- The following are the important rules changes:

"Any player may request a time-out under the same conditions as formerly pertained to a captain's request for time-out. If a player's request is recognized, the time-out should be granted and charged even though the captain does not desire it."

"After a free throw following a technical foul, play is resumed by a throw-in from out of bounds at mid-court by any player of the free thrower's team."

"A change in wording is made in this Section, but the intent is altered only slightly. On a free throw the ball is not in play until it touches the ring or backboard. Players must not touch the lane, or its boundaries, but they may be in the air over the lane before the ball touches the ring or backboard, provided they do not disconcert the free-thrower. When it becomes evident that the ball will not touch either the ring or backboard, players are not forbidden to touch the ball, provided they do not delay the game by so doing."

"If the ball misses the ring, or fails to enter the basket, the free-thrower has made a violation. This applies even though, after missing the ring, the ball touches the backboard and is tapped into the basket or against the ring."

"If a player in the act of throwing for goal is fouled from behind or is roughly handled, two free throws are to be awarded whether the field goal is made or missed."

"The captain of the offended team is authorized to waive the free throw resulting from a personal foul and have a player of his team put the ball in play from out of bounds at mid-court. If two or more free throws are awarded, this option applies to the last free throw. The Officials will assume that the free throw is to be taken unless and until the captain expresses his desire to waive the free throw; that is, the Officials are not to ask the captain for his choice each time a foul is called."

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