

1935-36 BASKETBALL RULE INTERPRETATIONS

(Editor's Note: The interpretations listed here are taken from a release made from the office of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. The most authoritative source of interpretations is Mr. Oswald Tower, Andover, Mass., editor of the rule book. H.V. Porter, of the High School Associations, writer of the interpretations printed here, obtains confirmation from Mr. Tower on all matters except those which apply to high school play in those states which have definitely adopted the National Federation interpretations.)

1. Play: A1 is attempting a free throw for a technical foul and steps over the line too soon. Is the ball tossed at center or is it awarded to opponents out-of-bounds at the end?

RULING: Center ball.

2. Play: In case a player is fouled in the act of throwing for a goal and the goal is missed, are three free throws awarded in case it is a disqualifying foul?

RULING: No. Two free throws.

3. Comment: In the note of page 26 it would appear that the word "tossed" would be better than "tapped". The sentence is: "On a jump ball if one of the jumpers has one foot or both feet outside the circle or on the diameter or in his opponent's half of the circle before the ball is tapped, the official may caution him."

RULING: The word "tossed" should be substituted for "tapped".

4. Play: (1) A1 has the ball out-of-bounds at the end of the court behind his basket. In throwing the ball in, the ball strikes the back of the backboard and caroms off a teammate who is inbounds. Is the ball in play?

RULING: Yes.

Play: (2) In the same situation, the ball after striking the back of the backboard rebounds over the end line without being touched by any player. To whom should the ball be awarded?

RULING: To A1.

5. QUESTION: Should time keepers notify teams three minutes before time for the game to begin?

ANSWER: Yes. This is not made compulsory by rule but it was the sentiment of the Rules Committee that this should be done.

6. QUESTION: Is it permissible for teams to use the huddle method of giving signals?

ANSWER: The rules specify that not more than three seconds may be taken for a huddle. However, the Rules Committee is opposed to the use of the huddle and a number of states have adopted the interpretation that it is illegal to consume playing time through the use of the huddle. In such states if there is any delay near the end of a game a technical foul should be called immediately. Otherwise a team may be warned and thereafter penalized.

7. Play: A1 has eluded his guard and has a clear field for the basket. Before he is in the act of trying for a goal B1 deliberately pushes him.

RULING: One free throw for the personal foul and one free throw for the technical foul, unsportsmanlike conduct, should be awarded. The technical foul should be thrown first.

8. Play: A1 has been in the lane two seconds when he receives the ball and begins an offensive drive toward the basket. The offensive play is continuous and the ball remains in the lane for several sec-