

RULES INTERPRETATIONS

All situations are to be ruled according to the book. The items listed here are only intended to emphasize certain points or to amplify or clarify the rules and their administration.

1. Refer to Rule 5, Sec. 3, line 4 which reads: -- "except that a substitution may not be made in the interval following a field goal and putting the ball in play from out of bounds unless a charged time out has been declared."

Question - Team A substitutes following a field goal and is charged with a time out. During this time out Team B also substitutes. Is Team B to be charged with a time out?

Answer - Pending a decision by the Editor it was agreed that Team B may make such a substitution without being charged a time out.

Question - Following a field goal a Team A player is injured or disqualified and calls time out which is not charged if the player involved is removed from the game. (See Rule 11, Sec. 2) While the player is being removed Team B sends in a substitute. Is Team B to be charged with a time out?

Answer - Pending an official decision Team B will be permitted to substitute under these conditions without a charged time out providing it is ready to play within the time legally allotted to Team A for the removal of the injured or disqualified player.

2. Refer to Rule 10, Sec. 1. On balls which go out of bounds behind the basket a twelve foot lane shall be permitted in which to pass into the court. This, of course, does not apply to out of bounds plays following a field goal.

3. Refer to Rule 10, Sec. 1, Note to Officials. In order to standardize administration the following mechanics will prevail when a team is awarded the ball out of bounds in its front court.

The official shall (a) gain full possession of the ball; (b) turn away from the out of bounds passer; (c) turn back to the passer and hand him the ball; (d) start an AUDIBLE COUNT as the passer gains ball possession.

4. In all counting situations officials are requested to continue use of the artillery man's method of counting, and are urged to practice the counts with a watch.

5. The official score book for the game is to be left at the scoring table during the half time intermission.