

Finnish Basketball Association's Referee Committee's Interpretations of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2018 (v. 1)

Finnish Basketball Association's Referee Committee gives interpretations of situations, which are not covered by the FIBA Official Basketball Rules or FIBA Official Interpretations. In case of discrepancy FIBA Official Basketball Rules, FIBA Official Interpretations or the Finnish version of this document shall apply (in this order).

FBA INTERPRETATION NO. 1

When a team gains control of the ball in its backcourt, 8 seconds violation has occurred, if that team has not caused the ball to go into its frontcourt when the shot clock shows 16 seconds, provided that the shot clock has been operated correctly.

FBA INTERPRETATION NO. 2

If a technical foul is called for interrupting the shot (e.g. shouting loudly, stamping feet heavily or clapping hands near the shooter), the foul is considered to have occurred during the act of shooting, i.e. when the shooter still had a possession of the ball.

FBA INTERPRETATION NO. 3

Statement: An Instant Replay System (IRS) may be used to decide e.g. (Art. 46.12)

- to decide whether a personal, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul met the criteria for such a foul or shall be upgraded or downgraded or shall be considered as a technical foul.
- to identify the involvement of team members, coaches, assistant coaches and accompanying delegation members during any act of violence.

Example: A personal, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul is called, and immediately before that foul or after it a situation arises where, in the judgement of an official, one or several unsportsmanlike, disqualifying or technical fouls may have occurred (e.g. pushing or taunting).

Interpretation: If the officials use IRS to decide whether a personal, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying foul met the criteria for such a foul or shall be upgraded or downgraded or shall be considered as a technical foul, they may also check, if additional unsportsmanlike, disqualifying, or technical fouls were committed.