



2015 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

The **2015 Points of Emphasis** outline areas where ScoreTable Officials need to focus their attention for the coming year.

There are also some areas that have been raised by our Coaches and Officials. It is to be read in conjunction with the VBSA Handbook and the official FIBA Rules October 2014. These are available on www.vicscoretable.org.au, under Members only.

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Happy Reading!

From the Coaches Evaluations of Scoretable Officials

Art 18.2.5 Time-out. Each team shall be granted 3 time-outs during the second half with a maximum of 2 of these time-outs in the last 2 minutes of the second half. One time-out during extra time.

The time is when the Scoretable Chair calls the Time-out to the referee, not when the coach puts in the request. Interpretations Page 15, 18/19-19.

Should the team not be granted its first time-out before the last 2 minutes of the second half, the scorer shall mark **two horizontal lines** in the first box of the team's second half. Page 65, Diagram 10, and Score sheet B.7.2

Reset the scoreboard to display the number of time-outs available to each team in the last two minutes. e.g. A team has taken a time-out at the 7 minute mark, leave the time-outs at 2. If no time-out has been taken then reset the time-outs to 2, or if the time-outs count down from 3 then take one off.

Recording "GD" Fouls

A second technical foul by a player shall be indicated by entering a "T" and any corresponding free throws awarded, followed by a "GD" for the game disqualification in the following space. B.8.3.2

A second unsportsmanlike foul shall be indicated by entering a "U" and any corresponding free throws awarded followed by a "GD" in the next following space B8.3.5

A "GD" is also entered in the following space if the coach is disqualified from the game. B.8.3.3 and B.8.3.4

After entering a "GD" draw a horizontal line through any unused foul boxes.

Study Diagram 10 Page 65 in your Rule Book.

Read B.8.3.11 on fighting and how they are recorded.

Shot Clock and 14 second reset.

After the ball has touched the ring on a shot for goal, the shot clock shall be stopped and not reset until clear possession has been established by one of the teams. The shot clock will then be reset to:

- 24 seconds, if the opposing team gains control of the ball.
- 14 seconds, if the team which regains control of the ball is the same team that was in control of the ball before the ball touched the ring.

The shot clock for free throws shall display 14 seconds. To help with the understanding consider it on the same basis as an inbounded pass on the front court after a foul. Red team has the throw in, and the shot clock is on 14, the pass is intercepted then it resets to 24

Similarly, Red team has the foul shots (the common theme here is they have the ball) so the shot clock is on 14 and if the Blue team rebounds the ball then reset to 24.

Wait for the referee to finish their communication with the Scoretable before resetting the Shot Clock.

Score Sheet Page 64 to 70 of 2014 FIBA Rules

- The score sheet is to be exactly as the rule book.
- Only two colours are to be used, VBSA Guidelines are to use red in the first & third quarter, and either blue or black in the other two and extra time if required.
- Unused player spaces are ruled out after the Coach has signed the Score sheet.

- Personal fouls in the first three quarters are to be boxed out.
- Time outs are recorded as minutes only.
- Unused extra time-out boxes are to be filled in with parallel lines. (=)
- The unused extra periods score, are to be filled in with a Diagonal line. (/)
- Technical fouls given during an Interval of play are recorded in the colour of the next period.
- When a uniform is changed the scorer draws a line through the old number and places the new number beside it, with an asterisk beside the number and at the bottom of the score sheet explaining the change.
- **White out or erasable pens are never used on a score sheet.** To use white out gives the impression to some of cheating. Read page 38 of the Victorian Basketball Handbook. You cannot be passed on an evaluation if you use these pens.

Substitution and Time-Out Art 19

- Remember a player who has been subbed out cannot re-enter the game until after a clock running time. Watch this especially during an Interval of play and time-outs.
- Subs reporting before a time out must be signaled to the referee, if they report during the time out then no need to signal. So if they are sitting in the sub area and time out is called then they are to be signaled to the referee.
- **EXCEPTION** If a time-out is requested after a basket the time-out is signaled first then the sub.
- When a time-out is called immediately after the referee calls a held ball it is easy to forget to change the arrow when play re-commences. Do something that will remind you to change the arrow, e.g. keep your hand on the arrow for the time-out minute.

Mobile phones are **not** to be used to time the time-outs.



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- **Coach and/or Assistant coach request time-outs. Art 18**

Do not accept a request for a time-out from a player. The Coach can deny asking for it. Playing coaches should make the request to their assistant, who will then relay the request to the Scoretable. This should be part of your pre-game when you are informed there will be a playing coach.

Do not accept conditional time-outs from the coach.

- **Players request subs not coaches.**

- Do not accept calls of sub from the coach. You must look at the player to be sure they are ready to take the court. Ask for singlet to be tucked in, but you cannot demand this.

Scoretable uniforms

- Level one Officials have their first season to get a uniform, after that all Officials must be in the designated uniform to work on the Scoretable. Black trousers or skirt, black shoes and when worn black socks or stockings are mandatory uniform.
- We require new Level 1 Officials to wear a black top until they buy their uniforms.
- **The summer uniform**, from the start of the first NBL/WNBL game to the end of Labor Day holiday weekend, is the Scoretable top, black dress shorts or $\frac{3}{4}$ pants, (no running or football shorts) and black footwear (no flip-flops).

Foul Bats

- Foul bats must be used in all games, even if you have a scoreboard that shows the individual player fouls.
- When recording a foul the scorer should raise the foul bat at the same time as recording the foul. The procedure for raising the foul bat is out front, so the coach can see it, then straight up so spectators can see it, the out front in case the coach wasn't looking the first time.



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Light/Dark

- If the scoreboard does not have the team name under one of the scores then the light colored uniform will be light on the board and the dark colored uniform will be the dark team.

Working With Children

- All Scoretable officials, over the age of 18, **MUST** have a Working with Children check done and **MUST** carry the card with them to all games. You can be stopped from working if you do not have it and your Association can be fined.
- Forms are available at the Post Office. Fill in the form nominating both the Association you belong to and the VBSA. The address for VBSA is P.O. Box 4596, Knox City Centre, 3152. The contact is Greg Liebelt.
- When you receive your number you are obliged to notify both your local Convener and VBSA.
- You cannot be rostered on to games without this check as we do not know when we will be officiating with minors involved.
- Teachers must supply their VIT number; Police must also supply their member number.

Answers to often asked questions

- Our Name Badges are to be worn above our logo.
- Turn the bonus light on when the referee makes the ball available to the player.
- Advance the period light when the timer sets the 10 minutes for the next quarter.
- Any extra period is treated as a continuation of the 4th quarter. The fouls stay; the same coloured pen is continued from the 4th quarter. One time out per team is allowed. Unused time outs from the second half are lost.

- When an Alternating Possession situation occurs the arrow is changed when the ball is touched on court.
- At half time the arrow should be changed when the referees come to the table at the beginning of the half time break. If the referees do not approach the scorer's table then the arrow is changed by the Chairperson making sure the other Score table officials are aware of the change. When players take the court for warm up they like to know who has first possession.

At the end of the game allow the referees to sign the scoresheet after you have filled in the final score and the name of the winning team. Then finish off the scoresheet as set out in the rule book and have all Scoretable Officials print their names.

Evaluating Level 1 Officials

- Level 3 and 4 Scoretable Officials are permitted to evaluate Level 1 Officials when working with them.
- Keep a record of the name and date of the evaluation, send the list to VBSA as soon as possible.
- Initial the Level 1 card in the position the Official worked. If working on games using the 14 second shot clock, nominate which one was evaluated by placing a 14 or 24 in the space provided.
- At a recent Level 2 course one of the applicants failed in the Score sheet part of the Exam because they had never done a score sheet.
- It is the responsibility of the convener to ensure Officials are ready to take the upgrade course.