

2005/6 Major Rule Changes

1. JERSEYS PROHIBITED FROM BEING REMOVED (3-4-15, 10-3-7h, 10-4-1h)

- A team member is prohibited from removing his/her jersey within the confines of the playing area
- Penalty is a technical foul
- Intended to be applied in all situations: Due to blood and other unusual circumstances
- Not unreasonable to expect team members to go to locker rooms to change jerseys
- Also addresses growing behavioral concerns of players removing jerseys to: Demonstrate frustration or anger and to attract individual attention

2. TEAM CONTROL FOULS (7-5-5, 4-19-7)

- Penalty for team control foul changed to a throw-in in all cases
- Ball to offended team at spot nearest to where foul occurred
- Bonus free throws no longer awarded
- New definition for team control foul in rule 4-19-7
- Makes penalty consistent for player control foul and team control foul
- Applies only when foul is by team in control
- By rule, there is NO team control: (1) during a throw-in; (2) during a jump ball; and (3) while ball is in flight during try/tap for goal
- Bonus rule applies to fouls committed during these situations
- Officials should review correctable error rule 2-10
- With rule change, possible to: (1) fail to award a merited free throw; (2) award an unmerited free throw; and (3) permit wrong player to attempt free throw
- Signalling sequence: (1) foul (raised fist, birddog optional); (2) preliminary signal and information at the site of foul; (3) direction and color; and (4) indicate throw-in spot

3. DOUBLE FOULS (7-5-9, 4-36)

- Penalty for double personal, double technical and simultaneous fouls changed
- From alternating possession (AP) throw-in to resuming from point of interruption (POI)
- New definition for POI in rule 4-36
- If POI cannot be determined—AP used: (1) example: unsuccessful try in flight
- Key points: (1) officials must know the status of the ball when a double foul is called and (2) play is resumed where the ball was located, not at the spot nearest to where the fouls occurred (casebook 7-5-9 A and B)

4. LEAVING COURT OF UNAUTHORIZED REASON (9-3-2)

- Rule for leaving the court for an unauthorized reason changed to a violation
- Violation called as soon as player voluntarily leaves the court
- Could be called on offense or defense
- Offense typically violates (player runs around low screen outside the endline)—immediate dead ball
- If called on the defense during a try in flight—the ball remains live (6-7-9 Exception d)
- Does not apply to thrower-in delaying entry onto court. Still a technical foul