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To : National Assigners/Evaluators, CIS and CCAA conference supervisors, CABO National Council members

Subject : Free throw administration

Canada is probably the only country in the world where players have the habit of huddling behind the 3-point line near the top of the free-throw half-circle during the administration of the first of two or the first and second of three-free throw situations. At times, players are even summoned by their coach to their bench area to receive instructions.

While players do not, by rule, have the obligation to occupy the rebounding spaces along the lane, the huddling causes undue delays when the official waits for the players to come and occupy the rebounding spaces before administering the last free throw. These undue delays interfere with the efficient administration of the game and must be eliminated.

Procedure to be followed in administering free throws :

Once the reporting official has finished his/her communication with the table and has resumed his position for the administration of the free throws, the Lead official shall step into the lane and announce the number of free throws, even if players have chosen not to occupy the rebounding spaces along the lane. When the last free throw is to be administered, after retrieving the ball following the previous free throw, the Lead official shall not wait for the players who have not already lined up to do so, and put the ball at the disposal of the free-thrower in a normal timely fashion.

Once the ball is at the disposal of the free-thrower, by rule, players who are not occupying rebounding spaces along the lane must wait for the ball to hit the rim before crossing the 3-point line or penetrate below the free throw line extended. Players failing to abide by this rule and coming in to occupy rebounding spaces after the ball being at the disposal of the free-thrower are committing a violation.

If the free throw is successful, no violation shall be called. If one or more players violate, and the free throw is unsuccessful, a violation shall be called with the appropriate penalty :

- violation by an opponent or opponents of the free-thrower is penalized by a replacement free throw
- violation by a teammate or teammates of the free thrower is penalized by a throw-in awarded to the opposing team at the free-throw line extended
- violation by both teams causes an alternating possession situation and the ball is awarded to the team next entitled to the possession. The throw-in shall take place at the free-throw line extended.

This procedure must be applied by all officials at all levels. League and team leaders should be informed through normal channels of communication in the immediate future.