

Dear coaches of basketball teams playing US high school federation rules:

The Sabers look forward to hosting you. I'd like to remind you that we will be playing FIBA international rules, not US high school rules. Some important differences are highlighted below.

Some good info here:

<http://www.members.shaw.ca/jazzace/ace/hoop/rulediff.html> (updated 2013)

Official FIBA rules here:

<http://www.fiba.com/downloads/Rules/2012/OfficialBasketballRules2012.pdf>

TIME

- **24**-second shot clock
- Shot clock is reset to **14** seconds on personal fouls or kicked ball or jump ball (no change of possession) resulting in a front court throw-in.
- **8**-second backcourt violation (not 10 seconds; hurry)
- Clock stops after made basket during final 2 minutes of 4th quarter and OT periods.
- 8-minute quarters, 4-minute OT (shorter than official FIBA rules)

TIMEOUTS

- 2 in first half, 3 in second half, 1 per OT period
- Must be called by **coach** (not player) through **score table** (not through referee).
- TO granted **only** during stoppage in play. (For example, a player or coach cannot call a timeout during play when trapped in the backcourt.)

FREE THROWS, BONUS

- All FT situations are **2 shots** (no 1-and-1).
- Penalty (2 shots) is awarded on the **5th foul** of each quarter unless the foul is an offensive foul; overtime is an extension of the 4th quarter.
- Maximum 5 players on the lane (3 defense, 2 offense)
- Players on lane leave "on the release"; other players must stand beyond 3-point line and behind free throw line and cannot move in until ball hits rim.
- Five seconds to attempt free throw

UNSPORTMANLIKE FOULS

- Shouting or clapping hands while an opponent shoots.
- Fouling from behind on break-away lay-ups. (safety reasons)

(turn over)

OVER AND BACK

- If you are dribbling from backcourt to front court, **all three points** (both dribbler's feet and the ball) must be in the front court; otherwise the ball retains back court status. So, moving from your backcourt, you can step across the half court line with one or both feet or with one foot and the ball and still return to the backcourt without a violation.
- **8**-second backcourt violation (not 10 seconds; hurry)
- On the inbounds to start a quarter, the inbounder will (should) straddle the center court; he/she then can pass into the backcourt. **HOWEVER**: On all other inbounds plays from the front court, the **inbounder can NOT pass into the back court**. That is a violation.

LINE MARKINGS

- Wider lane. (Be careful of "3-seconds-in-the-lane" calls.)
- Further 3-point line.

And one special SOIS house rule that I wish our team *could* break:

No hanging on the rim after a dunk. (We don't have break-away rims.)