FIBA RULES EXAM

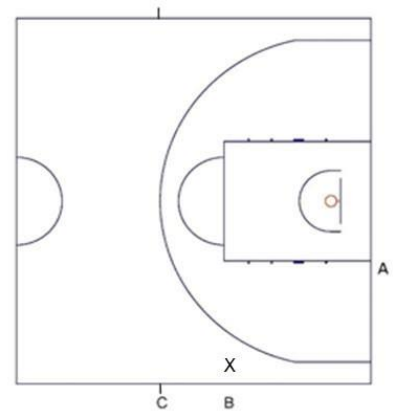
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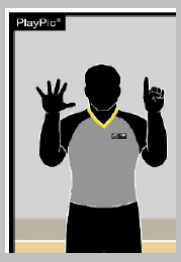
In the framework of the National Official Certification Program (NOCP), the passing mark for Level 1 is 21/30 (70%), for Level 2 it is 40/50 (80%) and for Levels 3, 4 and 5 it is 43/50 (86%). The exam is written in an open-book environment. The exam consists of 30 (Level 1) or 50 (Levels 2-5) questions. There is a 2-hour time limit for this exam.

For the sake of consistency, 'Team A' is the (initial) offensive team, 'Team B' is the defensive team. A1 – A5 and B1 – B5 are players; A6 – A12 and B6 – B12 are substitutes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please answer the exam questions according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Interpretations October 2024. Do not apply any provincial/conference/league modifications should they exist in your province.

1	Y N	A1 is holding a live ball on the court. A1 then falls to the court. Is this a travelling violation?
2	Y N	Both teams present four players ready to play and agree to start the game. Shall the referees start the game?
3	Y N	After the ball is legally tapped by jumper A1, A2 gains control of the ball in their backcourt. A2 is confused and scores in their own basket. Shall the basket count for team B?
4	Y N	Dribbler A2 ends their dribble and comes to a stop. A2 attempts a pass to A4 who is not looking and the ball falls to the floor. A2 retrieves the ball without the ball having touched any other player on the court. A2 then dribbles again. Is this legal?
5	Y N	Team A has two time-outs remaining in the first half. Coach A requests and is granted a time-out. At the end of the time-out Coach A requests their second time-out. Shall the time-out be granted at this time?
6	Y N	In an attempt to block a pass, B1 hits the ball with their fist and the ball bounces to B2. Is this a legal play?
7	Y N	The ball deflects off A1 and hits a referee who has one foot on the sideline. Shall the referee award team B a throw-in at the location out-of-bounds nearest to where the referee was standing?
8	Y N	A1's shot for goal hits the ring. On the rebound the ball touches A2's hand before rolling into the team A backcourt where it is first touched by A3. Is this a violation for illegally returning the ball to the backcourt?
9	Y N	A1 and B1 have both hands firmly on the ball when A1 steps on the boundary line. The referee calls A1 for an out-of-bounds violation and awards the ball to team B. Is this correct?
10	Y N	A1 is dribbling the ball in the team A backcourt for 7 seconds when a held ball is called between A1 and B1. The alternating possession arrow favours team A. Shall team A have 1 second remaining to move the ball to the frontcourt?
11	Y N	During a free- hrow, does the ball become live when the free-throw shooter releases the ball?
12	Y N	A1's shot for goal misses the ring. A1 retrieves the ball, throws it against the backboard and catches the ball. A1 then begins to dribble. Is this a legal play?
13	Y N	With 3:21 remaining in the second quarter A1 is assessed a technical foul. In the fourth quarter, A1 is assessed an unsportsmanlike foul. Shall A1 be permitted to remain on the team bench?
14	Y N	Shall each overtime be 5 minutes in duration and begin with a jump ball?
15	A B C	On a shot for goal by A1, the ball is bouncing directly above the ring when B1 touches the ring. The ring does not vibrate or cause the ball to take an unnatural bounce or change its direction. The ball does not enter the basket. What is the correct decision? A: Basket interference / 2 points awarded to team A / Team B throw-in on the endline B: Technical foul charged to B1 / One shot for team A / Team A throw-in on the endline C: No call / Play continues without any interruption

16	Y N	A1 gains control of the ball in the air and lands on both feet simultaneously. A1 takes a step with their right foot and releases the ball to start a dribble before the left foot leaves the floor. Is this a legal play?
17	Y N	Team A is awarded an alternating possession throw-in. The ball is at the disposal of A1 for the throw-in when A2 is assessed a blocking foul. Does team A lose their right to the next alternating possession?
18	Y N	With 0.2 remaining in the fourth quarter, A1's throw-in is tapped towards the team B basket by A2. While the ball is in flight, the game clock signal sounds to end the quarter. The ball enters the basket. Shall the goal count?
19	Y N	A1's backcourt throw-in is caught by airborne player A2 who jumped from the team A frontcourt. A2 lands with one foot in the team A backcourt and one foot in the team A frontcourt. Is this a legal play?
20	Y N	After the ball hits the ring on a try for goal, B1 rebounds the ball in their backcourt and attempts a pass to B2. A1 intercepts the pass. When A1 gains control of the ball shall the shot clock be reset to 24 seconds for team A?
21	Y N	During a time-out, a substitute becomes a player when the referee beckons the substitute to enter the court. Is this correct?
22	Y N	With both feet on the floor, A1 releases a shot for a goal. After the ball has left A1's hands but before the ball hits the ring, B1 makes contact with A1 and a foul is called against B1. The ball does not enter the basket. This is the second team B foul of the quarter. The referee awards 2 free throws to A1. Is this correct?
23	Y N	Before A1's last free throw is released, B1 enters the restricted area followed by A2. The free throw is unsuccessful. The referee awards A1 a replacement free throw. Is the referee correct?
24	Y N	Dribbler A1 charges into B2 and is assessed a team control foul. This is the fifth foul of the quarter. Shall B2 be awarded two free throws?
25	Y N	A1 has been in the restricted area for 3 seconds. A1 places one foot outside the restricted area and lifts the other foot in the air without placing it on the floor. Has A1 established themselves outside of the restricted area?
26	A B C	A1 attempts a shot for a goal at location X. While A1 is still in the act of shooting, B2 pushes A1 and is assessed an unsportsmanlike foul. The ball enters the basket. After the free throw, at which location is team A awarded the throw-in? 
27	Y N	B4 has established a legal guarding position in front of A4 who is dribbling the ball. B4 moves backwards when A4 contacts B4 on the torso. The referee calls a blocking foul on B4. Is this correct?
28	Y N	A1 jumps with the ball in their hands and is legally blocked by B1. A1 returns to the floor with both players having one hand firmly on the ball. Is this a travelling violation?

29	A B C	The referee calls a foul on A1 and reports A1's uniform number to the table as shown below. What is A1's uniform number?  A: 6 B: 15 C: 51
30	Y N	With 21 seconds remaining on the shot clock, A1's backcourt throw-in is illegally contacted by B1's foot and team A is awarded another backcourt throw-in. Shall the shot clock be reset to 24 seconds?
31	Y N	With 8 seconds remaining on the shot clock, A1's shot for goal is in the air when A2 and B2 commit personal fouls of the same category against each other at approximately the same time. The ball misses the ring. The alternating possession arrow favours team A. The referee reports the double foul and awards a throw-in to team A with 14 seconds on the shot clock. Is the referee correct?
32	Y N	With 48 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter and 12 seconds on the shot clock, team A is awarded a throw-in at the free-throw line extended. While A1 has the ball in their hands for the throw-in, B2 contacts A2 in the restricted area. The referee calls a throw-in foul and awards A2 one free throw followed by a team A throw-in at the original throw-in spot with 14 seconds on the shot clock. Is this correct?
33	Y N	A1's frontcourt throw-in is deflected into the backcourt by A2 who is in the team A frontcourt. A3 is the first to touch the ball in the team A backcourt. The referee rules this a backcourt violation. Is the referee correct?
34	Y N	During A4's last free throw, the team A physiotherapist in team A's bench area adjusts A1's loose taping. The team A physiotherapist's assistance does not take longer than 15 seconds and does not delay the game from restarting promptly. Must A1 be substituted?
35	Y N	While in the team A backcourt, A1's pass is in the air when B1 touches the ball while one foot is touching the team A frontcourt before causing the ball to go out of bounds in the team A backcourt. Does team A have a new 8 seconds to move the ball to the team A frontcourt?
36	Y N	The team A head coach requests a time-out after which B1 is charged with their fifth foul. Shall the time-out begin before the substitute for B1 becomes a player?
37	Y N	A1 ends their dribble and is closely guarded by B1 for 4 seconds. A1 fumbles the ball and then retrieves it while still being guarded by B1 for one more second. Is this a violation by A1?
38	Y N	A1 dribbles from their backcourt and stops their forward motion while both feet are in the frontcourt. A1 continues to dribble the ball in the team A backcourt. The referee continues the 8-second count. Is this correct?
39	A B C	A1 is fouled by B1 while in the act of shooting. The ball does not enter the basket. After the whistle A1 pushes B1 and is assessed an unsportsmanlike foul. What is the correct decision? A: Two free throws for A1 / Two free throws for B1 / Team B throw-in at the throw-in line in the team B frontcourt with 14 seconds on the shot clock B: No free throws awarded / Team B throw-in at the throw-in line in the team B frontcourt / 14 seconds on the shot clock C: Two free throws for A1 / Two free throws for B1 / Throw-in for team B at the throw-in line in the team B frontcourt with 24 seconds on the shot clock

40	Y N	A3 has been in the restricted area for 3 seconds when a held ball is called between A3 and B3. The alternating possession arrow favours team A. Shall team A be awarded a throw-in on the endline in the team A frontcourt?
41	Y N	A1 is in the act of shooting with the ball still in their hands when B2 fouls A4. A1 in a continuous motion releases the ball and the ball enters the basket. Shall the goal count?
42	Y N	During the team A throw-in to start the second quarter, the ball is tipped out-of-bounds in the team A backcourt by A2. The referees award team B a frontcourt throw-in with 24 seconds on the shot clock. Is this correct?
43	Y N	Team A is entitled to a throw-in with 51 seconds remaining on the game clock in the fourth quarter. Before handing the ball to thrower-in A1, the referee does not show the “illegal boundary line crossing” signal. B1 then moves their body over the boundary line and interferes with the throw-in. This is the first time team B has interfered with the throw-in. Shall a technical foul be assessed against B1?
44	A B C	Dribbler A1 is fouled by B2 with 10 seconds remaining on the shot clock. This is B2’s fifth foul of the game and team B’s third foul of the quarter. On their way to the bench, B2 pushes A1 and then A1 pushes B2. How shall play resume? A: One free throw for any team A player / Two free throws for B2’s substitute / Team B throw-in at the throw-in line in the team B frontcourt with 10 seconds on the shot clock B: No free throws awarded / Team B throw-in nearest to the location of the foul / 10 seconds on the shot clock C: One free throw for any team A player / Two free throws for B2’s substitute / Team B throw-in at the throw-in line in the team A frontcourt with 14 seconds on the shot clock
45	Y N	With 1:20 remaining in the fourth quarter, team A is awarded a throw-in in the team A backcourt on the side of the court opposite the scorer’s table. Coach A is granted a time-out. After the time-out, the coach requests a throw-in at the throw-in line in the team A frontcourt on the same side of the court as the scorer’s table. Shall this request be granted?
46	Y N	A1 is fouled by B2 while in the act of shooting. After the referee blows the whistle and after the ball hits the ring while the ball still has the possibility of entering the basket, B3 taps the ball so that the ball does not enter the basket. The referee counts the basket and A1 is awarded one free throw. Is this correct?
47	Y N	A4 is assessed a disqualifying foul. Before leaving the court A4 verbally insults the referee. The referee charges the team A head coach with a technical foul. Is the referee correct?
48	Y N	With 1:27 remaining in the first quarter, A1 is fouled by B1. This is team B’s fifth foul of the quarter. The referees erroneously award a throw-in to team A instead of awarding A1’s merited free throws. Team A does not score a goal as a result of the throw-in. The error to not award free throws to A1 is discovered at halftime. Shall A1 be awarded 2 free throws before the start of the third quarter?
49	Y N	B1 has established a legal guarding position and is standing with two feet touching the no-charge semi-circle. While dribbling towards the team B basket, A1 charges into B1’s torso. The referee calls a team control foul on A1. Is this correct?
50	A B C	During the interval of play before the game is scheduled to start, A1 is charged with an unsportsmanlike foul against B1. What is the correct procedure? A: Two free throws for B1 / Throw-in for team B in frontcourt / 14 seconds on the shot clock B: Two free throws for B1 / Jump ball at centre court / Any two players designated as starters can jump C: Two free throws for any team B player / Jump ball at centre court / Any two players designated as starters can jump

	Answer	FIBA Rule Reference (OBR Oct. 2024)	FIBA Interpretations Reference (OBRI Oct 2024)
1	No	25.2.2	25-2(a)
2	No	9.3	
3	Yes	16.2.2	16-4
4	No	24.2	
5	Yes	18.2.3	
6	No	13.2	
7	Yes	11.2, 23.1.2, 23.2.1	
8	No	14.1.3, 30.1.2	
9	No	23.2.3	12-14
10	Yes	28.1.3	28-2
11	No	10.2	
12	Yes	24.1.4	24-4
13	No	40.4, 40.6	
14	No	8.7, 9.2	
15	C	31.2.4	
16	Yes	25.2.1	
17	No	12.6.6	
18	Yes	16.2.5	16-12
19	No	30.1.2	30-16
20	Yes	29.2.7	29/50-45, 29/50-47
21	No	4.2.3, 19.3.7	
22	No	34.2.1, 15.1.2	
23	No	43.3.3, 43.2.4	43-3
24	No	41.2.2	
25	No	26.1.3	
26	C	17.2.7	17-26
27	No	33.4	
28	No	12.1.2	12-12
29	A	Appendix A, p. 65	
30	Yes	29.2.2	
31	No	35.2, 50.2	35-5
32	No	34.2.3, 50.4	34-1, 34-3
33	Yes	30.1.2	
34	No		5-5, 5-11
35	Yes	28.1.2	
36	No		18/19-16, 18/19-17(a)

37	Yes		27-2
38	Yes	28.1.2	28-5(b)
39	A	42.2.2, 42.2.5	
40	Yes	12.4, 12.6.1	
41	Yes	10.4	10-1, 10-2
42	No	29.2.3	
43	No		17-6
44	C	40.3	37-11
45	No	17.2.4	17-12, 17-13
46	Yes		31-7
47	No		38-1, 38-2
48	Yes		44-8
49	Yes	33.10	33-3
50	B	37.2.2	9-9