

## FIBA Rule Changes for 2005

The Board decided to make slight amendments to the official FIBA Basketball rules. In detail, the following rules amendments have been adopted:

1. If the request for a time-out or a substitution is made **AFTER** the ball is at the disposal of the free throw shooter for the first or only free throw, it shall be granted for both teams if the **FINAL** free throw is successful.
  - a. If a substitution or time-out is requested before the ball has been placed at the disposal of the free thrower for a first or only free throw, then the sub or time-out will be made immediately (except, of course, for the shooter). No change in the rule.
  - b. If the request is made after the ball is at the disposal of the free throw shooter and if the only or final free throw is successful, then the sub or time-out shall be permitted after the successful final (or only) free throw. **This means that there shall be no subs or time-outs during (in between) free throws; i.e., from the time the ball is placed at the disposal of the free thrower for the first (or only) throw, until the ball becomes dead on the final throw.**
  - c. If a request for a sub is made after a final successful free throw but before the ball is at the disposal of the thrower-in at the throw-in spot, then the sub or time-out shall be granted immediately.
2. If a sanction of a free throw(s) is followed by a throw-in at the centre line, the time-out or the substitution can be granted for both teams whether the free throw is successful or not.
  - a. In the case of a free throw(s) that is to be followed by possession of the ball at the centre line extended, then a sub or time-out may be granted after the final free throw whether or not the free throw is successful, provided the request is made before the ball is at the disposal of the thrower-in as in **c.** above.
3. During the last two (2) minutes of the fourth (4th) period or any extra-period, if a time out is granted:
  - to the non scoring team after the valid basket,
  - to the team that has been awarded the possession of the ball in its back court,

The throw-in following the time-out **shall** be administrated at the centre-court line opposite at the scorer's table. The player taking the throw-in may pass the ball into the front or back court.