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RULES CHANGES





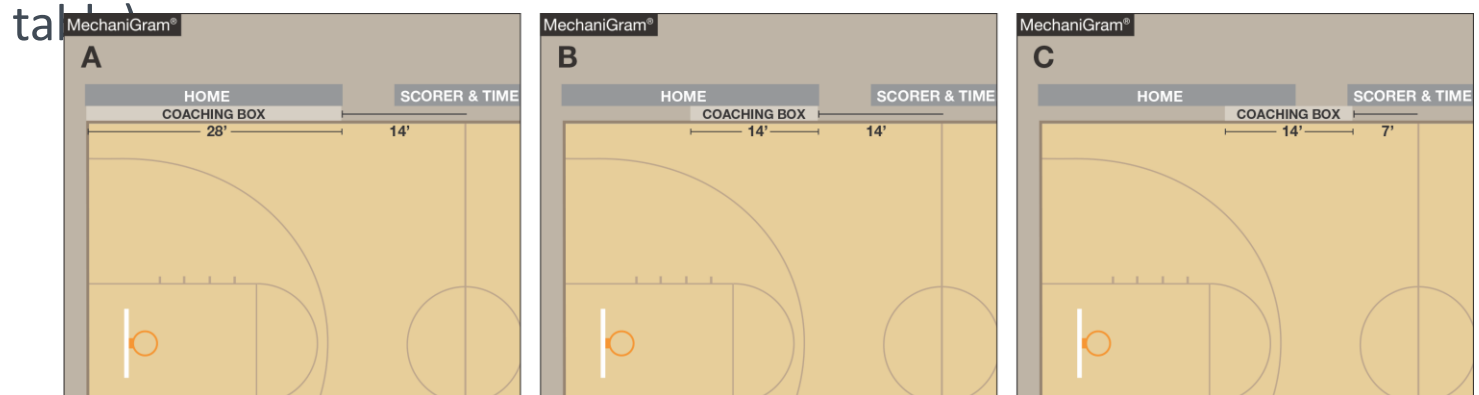
RULE 1-13-2 COACHING BOX

- The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer's and timer's table and team benches are located. The area shall be bounded by a line drawn 28 feet from the end line towards the Division line. At this point two lines drawn at each end of the box from the sideline toward the team bench become the ends of the coaching box.
- **Note:** State Associations may alter the length and placement of the 28 foot (maximum) coaching box. It may not be longer than 28 feet nor extended beyond the end line of the court.
- Effective Immediately. Tape may be used to extend the 14-foot line to 28 feet.



RULE 1-13-2 TEAM BENCH LOCATIONS, COACHING BOX, TIME-OUT AREA

- State associations have the ability to alter the location and length of the coaching box. The maximum length of the coaching box cannot exceed 28 feet. In MechaniGram A, the traditional end line to 28-foot mark coaching box is used and legal. In MechaniGram B, the 14-foot coaching box is placed from 28-foot mark and back toward the end line (as done in recent years) and is legal. In MechaniGram C, the 14-foot coaching box is relocated to be centered around the 28-foot mark and would be illegal (the 28-foot mark is furthest to the table).





RULE 2-9-1 SIGNAL TO THE SCORER

- When a foul occurs, an official shall signal the timer to stop the clock. The official shall verbally inform the offender, then with finger(s) of two hands, indicate to the scorer the number of the offender and the number of free throws.
- **Rationale:** To minimize foul reporting errors, that occur between the officials and the scorekeepers when the information gets lost in the translation. Two handed reporting is easier for the scorekeepers to see and comprehend in addition to being less confusing.



RULE 2-9-1 SIGNALS (TWO-HAND REPORTING)

- Officials should report fouls to the scorer by using two hands.
- The right hand will indicate the first digit (tens or “two” in the PlayPic example) and the left hand will show a second digit (ones or “four”), so it appears in a left-to-right sequence to the scorer.
- When reporting, the official should verbalize 24, not two-four.





RULE 3-4-1D TEAM JERSEY

- There are no color/design restrictions in the area of the team jersey from the imaginary line at the base of the neckline to the top of the shoulder and in the corresponding area on the back of the jersey. There are restrictions on what identifying names may be placed in this area (see Article 3-4-4).
- **Rationale:** Provide guidance on the forthcoming restrictions for this area of the jersey.



RULES 3-4-4 UNIFORMS

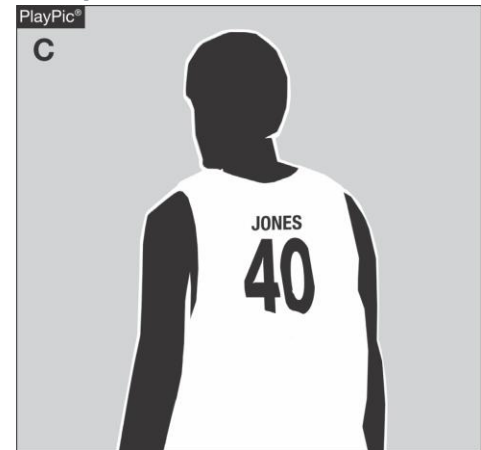
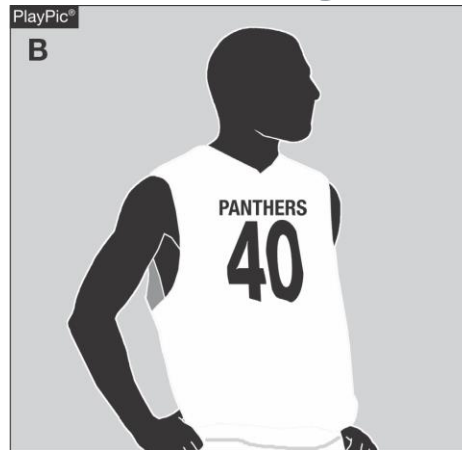
Identifying name(s) shall adhere to the following:

- a. If used, lettering with school name, school's nickname, school logo, player's name and /or abbreviation of the official school name shall be placed horizontally on the jersey.
- b. The panel in the shoulder area of the jersey on the back may be used for placing an identifying name as well.
- **Rationale:** Provide guidance to persons purchasing uniforms in determining what wording should go onto the jersey.



RULE 3-4-4a UNIFORMS

- If used, lettering is permitted in the form of a school's name, a school's nickname, a player's name or an abbreviation of the school's official name. PlayPics A, B and C are all legal examples.



RULE 3-4-4b UNIFORMS

- In PlayPic A, the shoulder area is identified and a similar area on the back is a legal area for the allowable identifying name.
- The initials of a player are shown which is an illegal example. The names are generally placed above the number or in the upper shoulder area on the back of the jersey.
- In PlayPic B, a school logo would be allowed.





RULE 4-48 NEW BEHAVIORAL WARNING

- Warning for Coach/Team Conduct
- A warning to a coach/team for misconduct is an administrative procedure by an official, which is recorded in the scorebook by the scorer and reported to the Head Coach:
- Art. 1 . . . For conduct, such as that described in rule 10-5-1a,b,d,e,f; 10-5-2; 10-5-4 the official shall warn the head coach unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed. Note: A warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.





RULE 4-48 NEW BEHAVIORAL WARNING

- Art. 2 . . . For the first violation of rule 10-6-1, the official shall warn the head coach unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed. Note: A warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.
- **Rationale:** Stopping play and making sure that the bench and the coach know that an official warning has been given, sends a clear message to everyone in the gym and impacts the behavior of the coach, and in some cases the behavior of the opposing coach. This change in behavior creates a better atmosphere and many times avoids the need to administer a technical foul.



RULE 4-48-1a NEW BEHAVIORAL WARNING

- In PlayPic A, the official shall stop the game and begin the administrative process to have the warning recorded by the scorer in the scorebook and then notify the head coach.
- In PlayPic B, when the behavior is major no warning should be issued and the officials should rule a technical foul.

