

# Faking Being Fouled (FBF) Situations

## A New Rule Defines Faking Being Fouled:

- 1st Infraction: Warning recorded in the scorebook and reported to the head coach.
- 2nd and Subsequent Infractions: Team technical foul. (Rule References: 4-49 New, 6-4-4g, 10-2-1h New, 10-4-6f.)
- **Signal 15**: Hands at the chest with two swipes to indicate a faking-being-fouled violation.

## **Criteria for Faking Being Fouled**

Officials should issue a warning or **team** technical foul when a player uses any of the following tactics to simulate being fouled:

- 1. Exaggerating contact (e.g., falling or flailing after minimal contact).
- 2. Using a "head bob" to simulate a hit.
- 3. Any other deliberate behavior intended to deceive the officials and gain an advantage.

## **Procedural Guidelines**

- Officials must see the entire play before calling a violation. Start Develop Finish Decide.
- If a player fakes being fouled, it must be addressed —the team committing the infraction cannot gain an advantage.
  - Signaling of the infraction should occur at or near the spot of the infraction.
- Best practice would be to wait, if possible, until a player is in possession of the ball.

## **Penalties for Faking Being Fouled**

- 1. First Team Infraction:
  - Warning recorded in the scorebook.
    - i. Scorers should differentiate between delays recorded in the book. (Ex: bottom of document)
  - o Ball returned to the point of interruption (POI).
- 2. Second and Subsequent Infractions:
  - Team Technical Foul (counts towards the team foul total but not the player's individual fouls and it is not directly or indirectly charged to the coach).
  - The offended team receives two free throws and possession at the division line, opposite table.

## **Scenarios for Offensive and Defensive Teams**

#### Offensive Team (Team A) Fakes Being Fouled

A. When Team A has team control but is not shooting:

- First Infraction: Warning issued; Team A retains possession (POI).
- Subsequent Infractions: Team technical foul, 2 free throws for Team B, and possession at the division line.

## B. When Team A is in the act of shooting:

First Infraction: If the shot is successful, the basket counts, warning issued, and play resumes at the POI.

- Subsequent Infractions: Basket counts, team technical foul, 2 free throws for Team B, and possession at the division line.
- If the shot is unsuccessful, play continues until a rebound, team control, or dead ball occurs. A warning will then be issued, and play resumes at the POI.

#### Defensive Team (Team B) Fakes Being Fouled

- First Infraction:
  - If Team A scores, the basket counts, a warning is issued to Team B, and play resumes at the POI.
  - If Team B gains possession or the ball becomes dead, a warning is issued, and play resumes at the POI.
    - Note: Using the faking-being-fouled signal for first infractions, especially if delayed, is recommended. However, it is crucial to focus on play development. Officials make better decisions by following a "start-develop-finish-decide" process rather than reacting too quickly.
- Subsequent Infractions:
  - Basket counts (if applicable), team technical foul on Team B, 2 free throws for Team A, and possession at the division line.

#### **General Rules for FBF Infractions**

- On Defensive Infractions: Officials should delay the whistle until the offensive team completes the play (i.e., scores, turns over the ball, or it becomes dead).
- Order of Penalties: If other fouls occur during the play, penalize those fouls first. Free throws for the technical foul from the faking-being-fouled infraction are always administered last, with the lane cleared.

# **Examples of Fouling and Penalty Sequence**

If multiple fouls occur when a player fakes being fouled, administer the Faking Being Fouled team technical AFTER all other fouls are adjudicated/administered. For reference, use the following order:

- 1. Team A rebounds and is fouled while attempting a shot administer free throws.
- 2. Team A rebounds and commits a player-control foul no free throws, ball to Team B.
- 3. Team A fouls Team B during a rebound if Team B is in the bonus, shoot free throws.
- 4. Team A is fouled during a rebound if Team A is in the bonus, shoot free throws.
  - After other fouls are addressed, administer the 2 free throws for the technical foul due to faking-being-fouled.

#### **Reporting Procedure for FBF Infractions**

- 1. Report any personal fouls or other infractions first.
- 2. Use Signal 15 to indicate the faking-being-fouled violation.
- 3. Record a warning in the scorebook for the first offense or issue a team technical for subsequent violations.
- 4. For technical fouls, administer the free throws with the lane cleared, and award possession at the division line.

