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PROTOCOLS CHECKLIST FOR REFEREES

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PROTOCOLS CHECKLIST

Basketball referees depend on protocols for consistent decision-making, ensuring consistency for the teams. This standardization minimizes personal interpretation, especially in 50-50 decisions.

This handbook covers the checklist of the basic protocols every basketball referee should know. Most of them are followed by a video demonstration. By adopting these protocols and using them on the court, you will make better decisions therefore you will have a better-quality officiating.

Making a call	Trail to Lead	Lead to Trail	Out-of-bounds	Time control	Time-out	Time-out L2M
Clear verbal communication Clear non-verbal communication Self-talk Official signals	Power step Face the court all the time & pick up the game clock Look at the defender 2-count stop at endline	Stay behind the endline until all players are on court Wait until players are at the free-throw line extended Keep distance (3-5 meters) Trail the play at all times	Call the colour (Red ball!) Asking for Help (OOBH) - Partner gives direction (or if no info - jump ball) Intervention (OOBI) - Non-calling partner gives help (1000% sure)	Control of Game* and shot clock *pick up the last 2 digits (with new possession) EOQ protocol (blow the whistle - kill the doubt) 50-50 protocol - no basket (SCV / EOQ) Clock malfunction in transition - let play be advanced to frontcourt	Time-out signal, point at bench and say colour Leave the ball where game resumes - communication (how game resumes, time-out spots) 20" remaining 2 refs move near bench areas 10" bring teams back (proactivity) - don't enter team area	L2M - throw-in in backcourt / advance to frontcourt Referees keep the ball CC asks decision from HC, then points at the spot
VIDEO	VIDEO	VIDEO	VIDEO EXT	VIDEO		

Throw-in

Designate spot, take distance, whistle in mouth, bounce ball, visual 5" count (outside hand)

L2M 'boundary line' signal

Warning whistle (when needed)

VIDEO

Free-throw violation

Talk to rebounders 'not too early'

Fake by shooter

If FTV occurs - immediate call after ball is released

VIDEO

Block/charge

Level of contact - requires a call or not

No-charge semi-circle (airborne players only)

50-50 protocol --> BLOCK (unless knee/elbow by offensive player)

VIDEO

Act of Shooting

Make the call (with verbal support)

FAOS / FNAOS - signal the actions in case of a shot (incl. pass-off)

Kill the doubt - 50-50 protocol -> FAOS

VIDEO

VIDEO

UF1

Only clear and conclusive situation - any doubt -> PF

Call and verbal support with 0-1-2 technique

Intervention (UFI) by non-calling referee - 1000% sure

VIDEO

UF2

Define criteria (C1-C4)

Protocol with multiple criteria

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