



Basketball England: OBR Article 48 & 49 Amendments

Rationale: Due to the majority of Basketball England games being 2 or 3 person table crews, Basketball England have made a decision to amend article 48 and 49 of the Official FIBA Rules from September 2022 (Scorer and Timer duties). These also apply to the duties listed in the Table Official Manual v6.0 (4.1 Scorer Duties and 6.1 Timer Duties).

The reason for this amendment is due to the FIBA rules and Table Official Manual being developed to support 4 person crews. This meant that when implemented to a 2-3 person crew, the Timer duties were disproportionate and could lead to errors and delays in the game, especially in the last 2 minutes when the game is much more intense and Time-outs, Fouls and Subs can happen more frequently.

Amendments are shown below in **yellow**.

Article 48 Scorer and Assistant Scorer: Duties (2-3 person crew)

48.1 The **scorer** shall be provided with a scoresheet and shall keep a record of:

- Teams, by entering the names and numbers of the players who are to start the game and of all substitutes who enter the game. When there is an infraction of the rules regarding the five players to start the game, substitutes or numbers of players, he/she must notify the nearest referee immediately.
- Running summary of points scored, by entering the goals and the free throws made.
- Fouls charged against each player. He/she shall enter the fouls charged against each head coach and must notify a referee immediately when a head coach should be disqualified. Similarly, he/she must notify a referee immediately that a player should be disqualified if he/she has committed 2 technical fouls, or two unsportsmanlike fouls. Or one technical and 1 unsportsmanlike foul.
- Time-outs. He/she must notify the head coach through a referee when the head coach has no more time-out(s) left in a half or overtime.
- The next alternating possession: By operating the alternating possession arrow. The scorer shall reverse the direction of the alternating possession arrow immediately after the end of the first half as the teams shall exchange baskets for the second half.
- For each team the head coaches challenge granted. He/she must notify the nearest referee immediately when a head coach requests erroneously his/her second challenge.
- Effect time-outs. He/she must notify the referees of the time-out opportunity when a team has requested a time-out.
- Effect substitutions.
- Sound his/her signal only when the ball becomes dead and before the ball becomes live again . The sound of his/her signal does not stop the game clock or the game nor cause the ball to become dead.

48.2 The **assistant scorer (4-person crew)** shall operate the scoreboard and assist the scorer and timer. In case of any discrepancy between the scoreboard and the scoresheet and the scoresheet which cannot be resolved, the scoresheet shall take precedence and the score board shall be corrected accordingly.

Article 49 Timer: Duties (2-3 person crew)

49.1 The timer shall be provided with the game clock and a stopwatch and shall:

- Measure playing time, time-outs and intervals of play.
- Ensure that the game clock signal sounds very loudly and automatically at the end of a quarter or overtime.
- Use any means possible to notify the referees immediately if his /her signal fails to sound or is not heard.
- Indicate the number of fouls committed by each player by raising, in a manner visible to both head coaches, the marker with a number of fouls committed by that player.
- Notify a referee immediately when five fouls have been charged against any player.
- Operate the team foul markers, each one positioned on either side of the scorer's table nearest to the bench of the team. The team foul marker shall show the current number of team fouls and shall be fully in red, with no number visible, after the ball becomes live again after the fourth team foul in a quarter.
- ~~Effect substitutions.~~
- ~~Effect time-outs. He/she must notify the referees of the time-out opportunity when a team has requested a time-out.~~
- ~~Sound his/her signal only when the ball becomes dead and before the ball becomes live again. The sound of his/her signal does not stop the game clock or the game nor cause the ball to become dead.~~

Articles 48.3, 49.2, 49.3 and 49.4 are unchanged. Please see pages 57-59 of OBR July 2023.

OBR Article 48 & 49 Amendments Summary

For games operated with 2 or 3 table officials:

- The scorer will take responsibility of effecting substitutions instead of the timer.
- The scorer will take responsibility of effecting time-outs instead of the timer.
- The timer will continue to take responsibility of raising the personal foul markers.
- The timer will continue to inform a referee when a player has committed their fifth foul.

For games operated with 4 table officials:

- The assistant scorer will take responsibility of effecting substitutions instead of the timer*
- The assistant scorer will take responsibility of effecting time-outs instead of the timer*
- The assistant scorer will take responsibility of raising the personal foul markers instead of the timer*
- The assistant scorer will inform a referee when a player has committed their fifth foul*

** If the table official crew decide to keep one or more responsibilities with the timer due to considerations such as the equipment they are using, given the flexibility in OBR 48.2, this is permitted.*