



To all National Basketball Federations  
To all FIBA-Zones

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**Reference: Amendments to the Official Basketball Rules**

Madam, Sir,

The FIBA Central Board at its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> May 2005 in Nyon, Switzerland adopted the following amendments to the Official Basketball Rules:

1. *If the request for a time-out or a substitution is made before the ball is at the disposal of a player for a throw-in following the free throw (s), the time out or the substitution shall be granted for both teams if the last or only free throw is successful.*
2. *If a free throw(s) is followed by a throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table, the time-out or the substitution shall be granted after the last free throw for both teams whether the last free throw is successful or not.*
3. *During the last two (2) minutes of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) period or each extra-period, if a time out is granted:*
  - \* *to the non-scoring team after the valid field goal,*
  - \* *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 line extended, opposite the scorer's table. The player taking the throw-in shall be entitled to pass the ball to a team-mate at any place on the playing court.*

The above amendments are valid for all main official FIBA competitions as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

Yours faithfully,

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