

#17 JUNIOR REFEREES TRAINING SHEET

Unsportsmanlike Foul

An unsportsmanlike foul is a player contact which, in the judgement of the referee(s) meets one of the following criteria's:

- *(Criteria 1)* Contact with an opponent and not legitimately attempting to directly play the ball within the spirit and intent of the rules.
- *(Criteria 2)* Excessive, hard contact caused by a player in an effort to play the ball or an opponent.
- *(Criteria 3)* An unnecessary contact caused by the defensive player in order to stop the progress of the offensive team in transition.
(This applies until the offensive player begins his act of shooting).
- *(Criteria 4)* An illegal contact caused by the player from behind or laterally on an opponent, who is progressing towards the opponent's basket and there are no other opponent players between the progressing player, the ball and the basket. (This applies until the offensive player begins his act of shooting).
- *(Criteria 5)* Contact by the defensive player on an opponent on the playing court when the game clock shows 2 minutes or less in the fourth quarter and in each overtime, when the ball is out-of-bounds for a throw-in and still in the hands of the referee or at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.

The referee(s) must interpret the unsportsmanlike fouls consistently throughout the game and to judge only the action.

An unsportsmanlike foul shall be charged against the offender.

Free throw(s) shall be awarded to the player who was fouled, followed by:

- A throw-in at the throw-in line, in the team's frontcourt.
- A jump ball in the centre circle at the beginning of the first quarter (before games begins).

The number of free throws shall be awarded as follows:

- If the foul is committed on a player not in the act of shooting: 2 free throws.
- If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting: the goal, if made, shall count and, in addition, 1 free throw.
- If the foul is committed on a player in the act of shooting and the goal is not made, 2 or 3 free throws.

A player shall be disqualified for the remainder of the game when he is charged with 2 unsportsmanlike fouls or 2 technical fouls, or with 1 technical foul and 1 unsportsmanlike foul.

If a player is disqualified due to the above, that unsportsmanlike foul shall be the only foul to be penalised and no additional penalty for the disqualification shall be administered.

Signals:

Below is the FIBA signal for calling an Unsportsmanlike foul.

