No Zone Document 1

FIBA Mini-Rules zone implementation

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OBA

Adoption of FIBA Mini-rules with some modifications

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OABO officials will be enforcing the "no-zone"/player-to-player component of the rules

To Keep In Mind Moving Forward

- No zone (player-to-player) will be enforced based on the criteria for calling the game as per FIBA rules and that includes advantage/disadvantage, control of the game, integrity of the game, game flow and spirit and intent of the rules. The 'Characteristics of No Zone' are provided as guidelines for coaches, players and officials. It is not inclusive / encompassing.
- The implementation of this rule is new and with the collaboration of the coaches, and training and experience of the officials, this will constantly improve its enforcement.

Characteristics of Player to Player

- When the ball crosses half, the defense should apply ball pressure while trying to maintain the gap and change of direction against the ball handler (i.e. defenders cannot be "waiting" in the key for their check once the ball crosses center line, into the front court).
- Defenders should be within an arm's length of their check if on the ball side (strong side)and just outside of the key if defending weak side (not ball side) – defenders sagging into the key and in contravention of the above points are not considered to be playing player-to-player
- In off the ball situations, players should stay near their check(player they are defending) while seeing the ball and staying between their check and the basket.
- Defender should be aware of their check's position and mimic their check's movement when in a **"**help" position. Defender should be moving in relation to their check as opposed to the ball
- Players should be beaten by their check prior to the permitted ONE help defender coming.
- Players shall be moving with their check and beaten prior to switching.
- There should be no double teams.

Enforcement

- Warnings and/or 'no zone' technical fouls (do not count as P, B or C type technical foul) will be issued for no zone infractions.
- Separate/distinct violations of no zone will be penalized independently (i.e. situations of double teaming will be dealt with separately then 'sagging off' in the key, which will warrant the administration of separate violations).

Coach – Official Communication In Respect to No Zone

- The head coach can voice concerns to the officials in a respectful manner and, as with other communication, should be done when the ball is dead.
- If a coach continues to have concerns after the completion of the game in respect to the enforcement of these rules, please contact the Manager, Clubs and Competitions at Ontario Basketball.
- Inappropriate communication and/or behaviour (see guidelines for Coach-Official Interaction) in respect to the no zone rules will be penalized as per FIBA Rules with 'B', 'C' or disqualifying technical fouls.

Process Away From Court

- A team that repeatedly violates the no zone rules can be reported by 1) their opponents and/or 2) the officials who will report to Ontario Basketball's Manager of Clubs and Competitions for follow-up.
- Behavioral issues and penalization that warrant game reports are subject both to Fair Play and Clubs and Competitions for appropriate follow-up.

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