

Three Second Rule Added

Free Throw Area to be Vacated

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There were some major rule changes made for this year. Three of the most important rule changes are as follows:

(1) Rule 13, Section 5. This rule now provides that after a successful free throw following a personal foul, the ball is to be put in play by the team scored on from any point out of bounds on the end of the court where the free throw was made without being handled by the referee.

(2) Rule 14, Section 12. This rule states that a player may not remain in his free throw area, with or without the ball, for longer than three seconds while the ball is in possession or control of his team.

(3) A third rule states that a receiver of a pass may “bat” down the ball, catch it after it bounces, and then commence a dribble. This was considered a double-dribble last year.