

**Interpretation:**

- (a) This is a time-out opportunity only for the non-scoring team.  
If the non-scoring team is granted a time-out, the opponents may also be granted a time-out and both teams are granted also substitution, if they require.
- (b) This is a substitution opportunity only for the non-scoring team and only in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth period or the last two (2) minutes of each extra period.  
If the non-scoring team is granted a substitution, the opponents may also be granted a substitution and both teams are granted also a time-out, if they require.

**Statement 3**

If the request for time-out or substitution (for any player, including the free-throw shooter) is made after the ball is at the disposal of the free-throw shooter for the first or only free throw, the time-out or substitution shall be granted for both teams if:

- (a) The last or only free throw is successful or
- (b) The last or only free throw is followed by a throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table, or for any valid reason the ball will remain dead after the last or only free throw.

**Example 1:**

A4 is awarded two (2) free throws. Team A or team B requests a time-out or substitution:

- (a) Before the ball is at the disposal of the free-throw shooter A4.
- (b) After the first free-throw attempt.
- (c) After the successful second free throw but before the ball is at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.
- (d) After the successful second free throw but after the ball is at the disposal of the player taking the throw-in.

**Interpretation:**

- (a) The time-out or substitution is granted immediately, before the first free-throw attempt.
- (b) The time-out or substitution is granted after the last free throw, if successful.
- (c) The time-out or substitution is granted immediately before the throw-in.
- (d) The time-out or substitution is not granted.

**Example 2:**

A4 is awarded two (2) free throws. After the first free-throw attempt, team A or team B requests a time-out or substitution. During the last free-throw attempt:

- (a) The ball rebounds from the ring and the game continues.
- (b) The free throw is successful.
- (c) The ball does not touch the ring or does not enter the basket.
- (d) A4 steps on the free-throw line while shooting and the violation is called.
- (e) B4 steps into the restricted area before the ball has left the hands of A4. B4's violation is called and the A4's free throw is missed.

**Interpretation:**

- (a) Time-out or substitution is not granted.
- (b), (c) and (d) The time-out or substitution is granted immediately.
- (e) A substitute free throw is attempted by A4 and, if successful, the time-out or substitution is granted immediately.

**Statement 4**

If, following a request for a time-out, a foul is committed by either team, the time-out shall not begin until the official has completed all communication with the scorer's table related to that foul. In the case of a fifth foul by a player, this communication includes the necessary substitution procedure. Once completed, the time-out period shall begin when an official blows his whistle and gives the time-out signal.