

ART. 29 TWENTY – FOUR SECONDS

Statement 1

A shot for a field goal is attempted near the end of the twenty-four (24) second period and the signal sounds while the ball is in the air. If the ball does not touch the ring, a violation has occurred unless the opponents have gained immediate and clear control of the ball. The ball shall be awarded to the opponent for the throw-in at the place nearest to where the game was stopped by the official, except directly behind the backboard.

Example 1:

A5's shot for a field goal is in the air when the twenty-four (24) second clock signal sounds. The ball touches the backboard and then rolls on the floor, where it is touched by B4 followed by A4 and is finally controlled by B5.

Interpretation:

This is a twenty-four (24) second violation because the ball did not touch the ring and then there was no immediate and clear control of the ball by the opponents.

Example 2:

During A5 shot for a field goal the ball touches the backboard but does not touch the ring. The ball then is touched on the rebound, but not controlled by B5, after which A5 gains control of the ball. At this time the twenty-four (24) second clock signal sounds.

Interpretation:

A twenty-four (24) second violation has occurred. The twenty-four (24) second clock continues to run when the ball fails to touch the ring and the ball is again controlled by a team A player.

Example 3:

A4 shoots for a field goal at the end of a twenty-four (24) second period. The ball is legally blocked by B4 and then the twenty-four (24) second clock signal sounds. After the signal B4 fouls A4.

Interpretation:

A twenty-four (24) second violation has occurred. B4's foul shall be disregarded unless technical, unsportsmanlike or disqualifying.

Example 4:

A4's shot for a field goal is in the air when the twenty-four (24) second clock signal sounds. The ball does not touch the ring, after which a held ball between A5 and B5 is immediately called.

Interpretation:

A twenty-four (24) second violation has occurred. Team B did not gain immediate and clear control of the ball.

Statement 2

If the twenty-four (24) second clock signal sounds in a situation where, in the judgement of the officials, the opponents will gain immediate and clear control of the ball, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.

Example:

Near the end of the twenty-four (24) second period A4's pass is missed by A5 (both players are in their frontcourt) and the ball rolls into team A's backcourt. Before B4 gains control of the ball with a free path to the basket the twenty-four (24) second clock signal sounds.

Interpretation:

If B4 gains immediate and clear control of the ball the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.