

# FREE THROW VIOLATIONS: PROCEDURE



Upon recognition of a free throw violation the following procedures will apply:

- 1) When you recognize a potential violation, blow your whistle after the ball is released
- 2) On the last free throw, when the referee blows their whistle, this creates an opportunity for a substitution or time out.

The referee shall handle the ball for the ensuing throw-in.

*\*The procedure does not change any rule - substitutions between free throws are not allowed, and if the violation is by a player other than the free throw shooter and the free throw is successful, the violation is not penalized.*

- 3) If the violation is on the free throw shooter and the free throw is successful;
  - a) The free throw shall be cancelled
  - b) The throw-in shall be awarded to the opponents from the FT line extended (unless a further FT or possession is to be administered)

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## Questions arising from Art. 10

- 10.2 says the ball becomes live when *during a free throw, the ball is at the disposal of the free throw shooter*
- 10.3 says the ball becomes dead when *a referee blows their whistle while the ball is live*
- 10.4 says the ball does not become dead and the goal counts if made when *the ball is in flight on a free throw and a referee blows their whistle for any rule infraction other than by the free throw shooter.*
- This means the ball is live, but play stops, if the violation is on someone other than the free throw shooter.

**We are instructing that the referee should handle the ball because they had blown their whistle, even if the free throw counts.**