

FIBA Penalties Summary - New rules 2026-27

Overall, FIBA felt that the penalties for some technical fouls and unsportsmanlike fouls were too harsh. Most of the new rule changes deal with that situation. Remember, technical fouls can now involve contact. Technical fouls count as players fouls and team fouls. Exception, bench technicals go to the coach and do not count towards the penalty.

They have decided to divide technical fouls into two categories.

Category 1 technical fouls will be for acts such as disrespectful communication, taunting, fake a foul etc. technicals will lead to disqualification.

Category 2 technical fouls will be for less severe acts such as delay of game, hanging on the rim etc. Category 2 technicals themselves will not lead to disqualification.

The penalty will still be one free throw and point of interruption for both categories.

The second major change is that the term “unsportsmanlike foul” will no longer be in the rule book starting in October. FIBA has decided to create two types of fouls to replace unsportsmanlike fouls: disruptive fouls and flagrant fouls.

1. **Disruptive fouls** are fouls that disrupt the flow of the game but are **not** reckless or potentially dangerous. The former clear path and take foul and for not making a legit play on the ball. Disruptive fouls are personal fouls and team fouls. They will not lead to disqualification. (2 free throws and possession).

2. **Flagrant fouls** will be called for harsher acts (excessive and/or reckless contact). They are also personal and team fouls They will lead to disqualification.

The penalties will be the same as the format unsportsmanlike fouls. (2 free throws and possession).

DQ thresholds and the new signals have been clearly outlined. The remaining rule changes mainly deal with clarifications of last year rules.

When reporting fouls to the table, please verbally clarify these calls. The cc needs to check the scoresheet at half.