

Unified Sports Evaluation Committee (USEC)
Basketball sport-specific protocol

This document is complimentary to the General Unified Sports Protocol. It highlights the Basketball specific procedures and impact.

Basketball observation criteria including but not limited to:

- Athletes and partners have many opportunities to contribute throughout the course of a game
- Player dominance. e.g. players “stealing” the ball from teammates
- Players ignoring teammates (poor sportsmanship)
- Players pursuing the ball without consideration for the safety of teammates
- Coaches failing to use a substitution plan to eliminate player dominance
- Constant negative communication from coaches or players to each other
- Consistent lack of engagement of individual “weaker” players, particularly in medal matches

Teams will be observed regarding meaningful involvement in all rounds of competition, including divisioning and medal rounds. The Unified Sports Protocol will be implemented for Basketball by the designated Unified Sports Evaluation Committee member in consultation with the TD and supported by the Unified Basketball observers. Decisions on warnings and sanctions will be communicated to the referees if needed, however not influenced by them.

Divisioning

We will implement the observing process as stated in the general Unified Sports Competition Protocol. The focus is on education and communication.

Competition and Medal rounds

When the USEC member in consultation with the TD and the USEC observer determines that a team, athlete, partner or coach is not incorporating the principle of meaningful involvement, he/she will communicate the warning or sanctioning level including all consequences (as e.g. forfeit of the match) to the coach following the steps below:

Sanction steps and process

1. Verbal warning: Before each Game, remind the coaches of their responsibility regarding the Principle of Meaningful Involvement, in particular highlighting any evidence from previous games.
2. 1st sanction = Written warning: Technical foul (TWMI) player or coach = one free throw and ball possession.
Technical Time Out by USEC. The status is communicated to the referee and coach. Note in score sheet against the coach. Coach signs the Warning Protocol after the game.
3. 2nd sanction: Technical foul (TWMI) player or coach = 1 free throw and ball possession, coach disqualified/suspended from game.
Technical Time Out by USEC. The status is communicated to the referee and coach. Note in score sheet. Coach signs the Warning Protocol after the game. HOD will be informed
4. 3rd sanction: Technical foul (TWMI) player or coach = forfeit of game & game ends immediately.
Technical Time Out by USEC. The status is communicated to the referee, coach and TD. Note in score sheet. Coach signs the Warning Protocol after the game and the HOD will be informed.

5. 4th sanction: Technical foul (TWMI) player or coach = team suspension (Final sanction) game ends immediately.
Technical Time Out by USEC. The status is communicated to the referee, coach and TD. Note in score sheet. Coach signs the Warning Protocol after the game and the HOD will be informed.

Sports specific Rules

TWMI = Technical warning Meaningful Involvement (different from FIBA rules related TF, however same weight. TF and TWMI are adding up).

TWMI = One free throw and ball possession. The coach is held accountable for all TWMI.

For more clarity of the warning been giving, a card with TWMI will be used.