

## 2016-17 Editorial Changes (from NFHS Rule Book)

The committee expanded the definition of a brace for clarification purposes.

3-5-3 NOTE: A brace is defined as anything worn for a medical purpose to increase stability. In general, it is made of neoprene or elastic knit with an insert imbedded to support the joint. It may or may not have a hinge and/or straps or an opening over the kneecap.

Deleted "or backboard" from 9-1-3a. It now states the following:

9-1-3a: He/She shall throw within 10 seconds to cause the ball to enter the basket or touch the ring before the free throw ends

Added new article concerning the free throw semicircle.

9-1-3h: Players occupying marked free-throw lane lines spaces may not enter the free-throw semicircle until the ball touches the ring or until the free throw ends.

This is a violation by the opponent of the free thrower, so it is a delayed free throw violation and should be signaled/administered accordingly.

Added clarification wording to 9-1 Penalties 4b as follows:

Rule 9 Penalties (Section 1, 4b): If the second violation is by the free thrower or a teammate behind the free-throw line extended and/or the 3-point line, both violations are penalized, as in penalty item (3).

Regarding Bench Technical Rule 10-5-3:

Bench personnel, including the head coach, shall not:

ART. 3. . . Use e-cigarettes, tobacco, or smokeless tobacco.