

2025 GHSA Basketball Study Guide

1. Which statement describes automatic fouls when committed against a ball handler?
 - a. Placing two hands on the player.
 - b. Placing an extended arm bar on the player.
 - c. Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
 - d. Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.
 - e. All of the above.
2. Team A is down 55-59 near the end of the fourth quarter. They score a 3-point basket with 4 seconds left on the clock. The clock is running, and A2 immediately interferes with the ball to try to stop the clock. The officials give a delay of game warning. Is this correct?
 - a. Yes, if no previous warning had been given to Team A.
 - b. No, by rule this action is ignored if the clock is under 5 seconds and the player is only trying to stop the clock.
 - c. No, a team technical foul for delay should be given to Team A for interfering with the ball following a goal.
3. T/F: Time and distance are required to establish initial legal guarding position on a player with the ball.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. B1 slips to the floor in the lane. A1 jumps to secure an offensive rebound and trips over the body of B1, causing A1 to lose the ball. The official calls a blocking foul on B1. Is this correct?
 - a. Yes, because lying on the floor is not considered a legal guarding position.
 - b. No, because B1 was not trying to guard A1.
5. T/F: A1 attempts a pass across the lane to A2. The pass is deflected by B1, and the ball hits the rim. The shot clock shall be reset.
 - a. True.
 - b. False
6. T/F: After an out-of-bounds violation in the front court, the subsequent throw-in will be at either the nearest 28ft line on the sideline or the nearest 3ft outside the lane line.
 - a. True

- b. False
7. T/F: A warning for coach conduct is required prior to giving a technical foul.
- a. True
 - b. False
8. A1 wraps both arms around B1 to prevent an easy breakaway layup. The contact is not violent. What is the correct ruling?
- a. Common foul
 - b. Flagrant foul
 - c. Intentional foul
 - d. Technical foul
9. Team A has the ball in their front court for an end-line throw-in. The ball is thrown in and rolls out of bounds at the opposite end line without being touched. Where is the subsequent throw-in for Team B?
- a. At the same designated throw-in spot
 - b. Where the ball went out of bounds
 - c. The division line
10. T/F: A1 shoots the ball. The ball hits the rim. The rebound is deflected by A4 and recovered by A3 in the backcourt. The shot clock shall be reset to 35.
- a. True
 - b. False
11. Team A has the ball in their backcourt and is guilty of a 10-second violation. Where is the subsequent throw-in for Team B?
- a. The division line
 - b. The spot closest to one of the four designated spots in Team B's frontcourt
12. T/F: The NFHS Authenticating Mark is required in determining the legality of the "official game ball".
- a. True
 - b. False

13. T/F: The official timer, scorer, and shot clock operator shall all be seated next to each other at the scorer's table, and the official scorer shall wear a black and white striped shirt or the official GHSA gray shirt.
- a. True
 - b. False
14. T/F: It is recommended that at least one game official stay on the floor between the girls' and boys' games.
- a. True
 - b. False
15. During the second free throw by A1, the ball lodges between the rim and the backboard without touching anything else. The officials use the alternating possession arrow to determine who will receive the ball. Is this correct?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
16. Team A has 6 players on the floor during a live ball. The official does not notice until after Team A scores. The basket counts, and a team technical foul is administered against Team A. Team B shoots 2 free throws and receives the ball for a division line throw-in. Is this correct?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
17. T/F: A screener may face any direction and still be legal.
- a. True
 - b. False
18. T/F: Each team is entitled to three 60-second and two 30-second timeouts during a regulation game.
- a. True
 - b. False
19. The ball becomes live when:
- a. On a jump ball, when the tossed ball leaves the official's hands
 - b. On a throw-in, when it is at the disposal of the thrower

- c. On a free throw, when it is bounced to the free thrower
- d. A and B
- e. All of the above

20. T/F: On a free throw by A1, a fake by B1 in a marked lane space causes A2 to violate. Only the fake is penalized.

- a. True
- b. False

21. T/F: Teams will switch baskets at the start of each overtime period.

- a. True
- b. False

22. A1 is unable to attempt their free throws after injuring their ankle on the play. Who will attempt A1's free throws?

- a. A1's substitute
- b. Any legal player
- c. One of the four remaining players

23. A timeout is called by Team A when the ball is controlled by A1 and is inside the 3pt line.

Where will the ball be inbounded for the throw-in?

- a. The designated spot nearest the sideline at the 28ft mark.
- b. The designated spot on the end line three feet outside the lane line.

24. The referee checks the shot clocks prior to the start of the game and finds that one of them is not working. What is the proper ruling?

- a. The home team is penalized with an administrative technical foul only at the start of the game.
- b. The home team is penalized with an administrative technical foul at the start of each quarter.
- c. No technical fouls are given. The shot clocks are turned off, and the PA announcer will use a stop watch to announce the times.
- d. No technical fouls are given. The shot clocks are turned off, and the game is played without them.

25. T/F: A1 and B1 both attempt to dunk during warmups. The officials charge each team with a team technical. Each team shoots 2 free throws, and the game is started with a jump ball.
- True
 - False
26. T/F: Intentional fouls are based solely on the severity of the act.
- True
 - False
27. T/F: A fumble is the accidental loss of player control when the ball unintentionally drops or slips from a player's grasp.
- True
 - False
28. What is the criteria for goaltending?
- A defensive player touches the ball during a try while the ball is in its downward flight entirely above the basket ring level or after the ball makes contact with the backboard
 - The ball has the possibility of entering the basket
 - The ball is not touching the basket cylinder
 - All of the above
29. T/F: Playing time for varsity games shall be four quarters of 8 minutes each.
- True
 - False
30. T/F: A flagrant foul may be a personal or technical foul of a violent or excessive nature, or a technical noncontact foul which displays unacceptable conduct.
- True
 - False
31. T/F: During timeouts and intermissions, players are not considered bench personnel for the purpose of penalizing unsporting behavior.
- True
 - False

32. T/F: It is an automatic technical foul if a player intentionally slaps or strikes the backboard or causes the ring to vibrate while a try or tap for the field goal is in flight, touching the backboard, or is in the cylinder above the basket.
- True
 - False
33. T/F: Assistant coaches are allowed to stand in the bench area during live-ball play and provide instruction to players.
- True
 - False
34. Which of the following is NOT a correctable error?
- Failing to award a merited free throw
 - Awarding an unmerited free throw
 - Permitting the wrong player to attempt a free throw
 - Erroneously counting or canceling a score
 - None of the above
35. T/F: Either team is allowed to call a timeout during any stoppage of play, including after a made basket.
- True
 - False
36. A1 inbounds the ball to A2 in Team A's backcourt, and A2 is fouled by B2 inside the backcourt three point line. Team A is not in the bonus. How will play be resumed?
- Team A will receive a designated spot throw-in at the nearest sideline 28ft line in their backcourt.
 - Team A will receive a designated spot throw-in at the nearest point on the end line three feet outside the lane line in their backcourt.
 - A2 will shoot 2 free throws.
 - None of the above
37. A1 attempts a try for goal, and the ball passes over the backboard. Is this an out of bounds violation?
- Yes

b. No

38. A1 dives for a loose ball and slides on her back after gaining control. She does not attempt to stand or roll over. The official calls a traveling violation. Is this correct?

- a. Yes, she cannot slide while maintaining control of the ball.
- b. No, she is allowed to slide as far as her momentum takes her.

39. T/F: Beginning with the fifth team foul in a quarter, common fouls (except for player control or team control fouls) result in 2 free throws.

- a. True
- b. False

40. A1 is pivoting or stepping when fouled and continues the motion to release the ball on a try.

The official calls a foul but rules that the player was not in the act of shooting. He gives Team A a throw-in. Is this correct?

- a. Yes
- b. No

41. A1 picks up his dribble and B1 places one hand so firmly on the ball that control cannot be obtained without undue roughness. Is this a held ball?

- a. Yes, B1 does not have to have two hands on the ball to cause a held ball.
- b. No, B1 only has one hand on the ball.

42. A1 is dribbling in her frontcourt and steps on, but not over, the division line. Is this a backcourt violation?

- a. Yes
- b. No

43. A1 requests a timeout while airborne, holding the ball, and headed out of bounds. The official does not grant the request. Is this correct?

- a. Yes
- b. No

44. T/F: If the ball provided by the home team is not legal, the referee may select a legal ball provided by the visiting team.

- a. True
- b. False

45. T/F: Contact that is excessive, clearly removes an opponent's apparent advantage, or does not constitute a legitimate basketball play should be classified as an intentional foul.

- a. True
- b. False

46. T/F: Every player is entitled to a spot on the playing court, provided the player gets there first without illegally contacting an opponent.

- a. True
- b. False

47. After a foul is called on A3, the assistant coach for Team A stands up to object to the decision and disrespectfully addresses the official. What is the correct ruling for this behavior?

- a. Bench technical on the assistant and an indirect technical on the head coach
- b. Bench technical directly on the assistant only
- c. Bench technical directly on the head coach only

48. T/F: Indirect technical fouls charged to a head coach count towards the team's foul count in the quarter.

- a. True
- b. False

49. T/F: During ALL timeouts, one official should be at the spot in which the ball will be placed to resume play and the other two officials should be standing at the top of the free throw line circle on each end of the floor.

- a. True
- b. False

50. The home team wearing white jerseys has 7 players with blue jersey shorts and 3 with white. The officials rule that the jersey shorts are legal. Is this correct?

- a. Yes
- b. No

51. T/F: It is the responsibility of the Referee on the crew to visit the scores table before the 10-minute mark to start each game and verify that both teams have supplied their team rosters including the starting lineups.
- a. True
 - b. False
52. T/F: When the ball is being passed between A1 and A2, Team A has team control.
- a. True
 - b. False
53. T/F: If Team B commits a foul on Team A in the frontcourt and the shot clock is at 20 seconds, there will be no reset of the shot clock.
- a. True
 - b. False
54. With 8 seconds left on the shot clock, a held ball occurs in Team A's front court, and Team A retains possession. Does the shot clock reset to 25 seconds or remain at 8?
- a. Yes, it resets to 25.
 - b. No, it remains at 8.
55. T/F: Technical foul free throws may be attempted by any player of the offended team, including an eligible substitute.
- a. True
 - b. False
56. A1 steps on the free-throw line before the ball touches the ring. Is this a free throw violation?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
57. T/F: A player is allowed to wear jewelry if it is taped down and does not pose a safety hazard. (Religious and medical alert items are not considered jewelry.)
- a. True
 - b. False
58. T/F: Each team receives one additional 60 second timeout during each overtime period.

- a. True
- b. False

59. T/F: To start the second, third, and fourth quarters, the ball shall be put in play in the center restraining circle by a jump ball between any two opponents.

- a. True
- b. False

60. T/F: It is a jump ball violation if the jumper catches the ball or touches it more than twice.

- a. True
- b. False

61. B2 knocks the ball out of bounds in Team A's front court. Where is the throw-in spot for Team A?

- a. At a designated spot where the ball went out of bounds
- b. At one of the four designated spots either at the 28ft line or 3 feet outside the lane line

62. T/F: On drives to the basket down the middle of the lane, the lead official is primarily responsible for all block/charge plays by the primary defender.

- a. True
- b. False

63. A1 has a cut on their arm. How many seconds does Team A have to resolve the issue or call a timeout to keep A1 in the game?

- a. 45 seconds
- b. 20 seconds
- c. 30 seconds

64. T/F: When play is resumed with a throw-in or free throw and three tenths (0.3) or a second or less remains on the clock, a player CANNOT gain control of the ball and try for a field goal.

- a. True
- b. False

65. T/F: It is a closely guarded violation when a player holds the ball in their frontcourt for five seconds while being closely guarded.

- a. True
- b. False

66. A1 is dribbling the ball. B2 reaches to slap the ball and accidentally hits the hand of A1 when in contact with the ball. Is this a foul?

- a. Yes
- b. No

67. B2 is guarding the dribbler, and A5 sets a legal screen on B2. B2 pushes the screener aside to maintain his guarding position. Is this a foul on B2?

- a. Yes
- b. No

68. T/F: If an opponent is airborne, the guard must obtain legal guarding position before the opponent leaves the floor. Otherwise, it is a blocking foul on the guard.

- a. True
- b. False

69. T/F: Faking being fouled is a team technical only after a warning has been given.

- a. True
- b. False

70. A player from Team A has a jersey with the number 78. Is this legal?

- a. Yes
- b. No

71. During the game, the officials noticed that Team A assistant coaches were using a tablet for stats and to draw up plays during timeouts. Is this legal?

- a. Yes
- b. No

72. T/F: On a jump-ball, all restrictions end when the tapped ball touches the floor, a non-jumper, an official, a basket, or the backboard.

- a. True
- b. False

73. Team A only has four players present. The official allows Team A to start the game with four players. Is this correct?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
74. The visiting team has blue jerseys. All of the players are wearing blue undershirts with the exception of one who has on black. The officials rule that the black undershirt is legal. Is this correct?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
75. T/F: When transitioning from backcourt to front court, the center official's coverage area is extended from free throw line to free throw line extended.
- a. True
 - b. False
76. According to the CCA Women's Mechanics and the GHSA, which official has primary coverage on corner 3pt shots?
- a. Trail
 - b. Lead
 - c. Center
77. T/F: At the three-minute mark before every GHSA game, the officials will have a pre-game meeting with head coaches, team captains, and the game manager.
- a. True
 - b. False
78. A1 is dribbling the ball in the backcourt while A5 is standing in the lane for 3 seconds. Is this a 3 second lane violation?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
79. There is a loose ball. In an attempt to gain control of the ball, A1 has the ball lodged between his thighs. B1 attempts to place both hands on the ball to gain control as well but A1 places his

hands on the ball and squeezes his legs together and B1 cannot pull the ball free. Which of the following is the correct ruling?

- a. Foul on A1
- b. Foul on B1
- c. Violation on A1
- d. Held Ball

80.A1 has the ball for a throw-in. While A1 is holding the ball, B2 crosses the boundary line and contacts A1. The official charges B2 with an intentional foul. Is this correct?

- a. Yes
- b. No

81. What combination of fouls results in a player disqualification?

- a. 5 personal fouls
- b. 2 technical fouls
- c. 1 flagrant foul
- d. All of the above

82.A1 attempts a try for goal. While the ball is in the air for the try, the shot clock horn sounds ending the shot clock period. The goal is successful. Does the basket count?

- a. Yes
- b. No

83.T/F: A pass is movement of the ball which includes rolling the ball from one player to another player.

- a. True
- b. False

84.A3 is dribbling the ball in their front court and is continuously closely guarded for 5 seconds. Is this a closely guarded violation in all GHSA games?

- a. Yes
- b. No

85.A1 attempts a pass to A3 in the frontcourt, but the ball is kicked by B1. What is the shot clock reset to?

- a. 25 seconds
- b. 35 seconds
- c. No reset

86. A1 picks up his dribble and attempts to pass the ball to A2. However, A2 makes a cut to the basket and never touches the ball. A1 is the first to touch the ball again, so the official calls an illegal dribble violation. Is this correct?

- a. Yes
- b. No

87. T/F: Fighting is always a flagrant foul.

- a. True
- b. False

88. A1 interferes with the ball after he scores a goal. This is Team A's first infraction, so the official gives an official warning for delay. Is this correct?

- a. Yes
- b. No

89. T/F: A defender is allowed to "belly up" or use the lower part of the body or arms to cause contact outside the defender's vertical plane.

- a. True
- b. False

90. T/F: During a rebounding play, A1 secures the ball by reaching over a shorter opponent without making contact. The official should call an "over-the-back" foul.

- a. True
- b. False

91. T/F: It is a traveling violation if A1 falls to the floor while holding the ball.

- a. True
- b. False

92. T/F: Players in marked lane spaces may enter the lane after the ball is released by the free throw shooter.

- a. True
- b. False

93.T/F: The officials' arrival on the floor should be at least 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game.

- a. True
- b. False

94.T/F: The location/status of an airborne player is determined by where the person was last in contact with the floor.

- a. True
- b. False

95.A1 attempts a shot, and B1 touches the ball while it is on the rim. Is this basket interference?

- a. Yes
- b. No

96.On a designated spot throw-in, A1 runs to the opposite side of the endline before releasing the ball. Is this legal?

- a. Yes
- b. No

97. T/F: The official may correct an obvious mistake by a timer to properly start or stop the clock only when the official has definite information relative to the time involved.

- a. True
- b. False

98.T/F: A substitute shall remain outside the boundary line until the horn sounds.

- a. True
- b. False

99.In the second quarter, two players from Team A played with the same number. Can an official give an administrative technical foul when this is discovered, even if this is in the 3rd quarter?

- a. Yes
- b. No

100. T/F: After the initial legal guarding position is obtained, the guard may move laterally or obliquely to maintain position, provided it is not toward the opponent when contact occurs.
- a. True
 - b. False
101. T/F: A1 secures a pass while airborne. B1 places a hand on the ball, preventing A1 from releasing it before landing. This results in a held ball situation.
- a. True
 - b. False
102. T/F: A4 dribbles the ball in his backcourt for 4 seconds. A1 and B3 commit a double foul in Team A's backcourt. Team A shall have 6 seconds left to move the ball into its frontcourt.
- a. True
 - b. False
103. T/F: A defensive or offensive player touches the basket after a shot for a goal while the ball is in contact with the ring. The backboard does not vibrate and the shot is not affected. This is a basket interference violation.
- a. True
 - b. False
104. T/F: A1's shot is in the air when A2 and B2 commit a double foul. The ball enters the basket. The game shall be resumed using the alternating possession arrow.
- a. True
 - b. False
105. T/F: A3 scores a field goal. The ball has just passed through the basket when B4 fouls A4. This is the 5th Team B foul in the quarter. A4 shall be awarded 2 free throws.
- a. True
 - b. False
106. A1 dribbles in his backcourt when B4 is injured and the game is stopped. The game shall be resumed with a Team A throw in. Which is the correct ruling?
- a. The shot clock shall be reset.

- b. The 10 second backcourt count shall be reset.
- c. Both A & B
- d. None of the above

107. T/F: With 6 seconds on the shot clock, A1's shot for a goal is in the air when a double foul occurs. The ball misses the ring. The arrow favors Team A. The game shall be resumed with a Team A throw-in, and the shot clock shall remain on 6 seconds.

- a. True
- b. False

108. T/F: A1 releases a shot outside the 3pt arc. The ball misses the ring, bounces in the lane, and the shot clock signal sounds. The ball shall be awarded to Team B at the designated spot closest to where A1 released the try.

- a. True
- b. False

109. T/F: The thrower-in has 5 seconds to release a pass on a throw in.

- a. True
- b. False

110. T/F: In the case of an unsuccessful last free throw, the game clock and shot clock shall start at the same time.

- a. True
- b. False

111. T/F: Team A scores a goal, after which A4 in the lane area commits a foul. This is the third Team A foul in the quarter. Thrower-in B1 shall be permitted to run along the endline before releasing the ball on the throw-in.

- a. True
- b. False

112. T/F: The game clock must always be stopped when the ball becomes dead.

- a. True
- b. False

113. T/F: After a dribble, A1 loses his balance. Without moving his pivot foot, A1 touches the floor with the ball in his hands. This is a legal play by A1.
- a. True
 - b. False
114. T/F: During a free throw, the shot clock will be set to 25 seconds.
- a. True
 - b. False
115. T/F: A1 shoots a layup. After the ball makes contact with the backboard and while it is still on its upward flight with a possibility of entering the basket, B1 makes contact with the ball in an attempt to block it. This is goaltending.
- a. True
 - b. False
116. T/F: Team A Head Coach calls a timeout. After the official starts the timeout, A2 makes an unsporting comment to the official. This is a direct technical foul to the player and an indirect technical foul on the head coach.
- a. True
 - b. False
117. T/F: There are only three times when officials will not use one of the four designated spots for throw-ins: out-of-bounds violations, technical fouls, and the throw-in to start a quarter.
- a. True
 - b. False
118. T/F: The Trail official administers a throw-in to player A3, inbounds the ball to A4. A4 dribbles into the front court and then passes to A5. The Trail official then realizes that he administered the throw-in to the incorrect team. The Trail official then sounds his whistle and re-administers the throw-in to Team B at the original throw-in spot. The official is correct.
- a. True
 - b. False

119. The assistant coach for Team B continues to stand during live play and assist the head coach in coaching their team. Which of the following is the correct procedure for officials to follow when addressing?
- a. Ignore because the assistant coach is just coaching.
 - b. Remind the assistant coach that they must remain seated during live play.
 - c. Inform the head coach that assistant coaches are to remain seated during live play. Please address this with your assistant coaches, and this will serve as your warning.
120. T/F: A1, after picking up her dribble, is standing in the backcourt at the division line. Her pivot foot is her right foot, and she then picks up her left foot and steps into the frontcourt, and then steps into the backcourt. This is not a backcourt violation because all three points (ball, feet, and body) are not in the frontcourt.
- a. True
 - b. False
121. After player number 32 from team A with his second technical foul the coach of Team A asks an official if the player must sit out for two games. What should the reply be?
- a. Ignore the coach.
 - b. Yes - he must sit two games.
 - c. Inform the head coach that he needs to contact the GHSA office for that information.
 - d. No – there is no additional penalty.
122. Once a player receives 5 personal fouls she is ejected.
- a. True
 - b. False
123. Officials are encouraged to have conversations with the fans during warmups.
- a. True
 - b. False
124. Officials are allowed to rescind a technical foul if that technical results in the ejection of a player.
- a. True
 - b. False
125. The website for the GHSA is www.ghsa.org.
- a. True
 - b. False