

Art. 29 Twenty-four seconds

29.1 Rule

29.1.1 Whenever a player gains control of a live ball on the court, his team must attempt a shot for a field goal within twenty-four (24) seconds. To constitute a shot for a field goal within twenty-four (24) seconds:

- The ball must leave the player's hand(s) before the twenty-four second device signal sounds, and
- After the ball has left the player's hand(s), the ball must touch the ring or enter the basket.

29.1.2 When a shot for a field goal is attempted near the end of the twenty-four second period and the signal sounds while the ball is in the air:

- If the ball enters the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded and the goal shall count.
- If the ball touches the ring but does not enter the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.
- If the ball hits the backboard (not the ring) or misses the ring, a violation has occurred unless the opponents have gained immediate and clear control of the ball, in which case the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue. All restrictions related to goal tending and interference shall apply.

29.2 Procedure

29.2.1 If the twenty-four second device was reset in error, the official may stop the game immediately as long as neither team is placed at a disadvantage. The twenty-four second device shall be corrected and possession of the ball shall be awarded to the team that previously had control of the ball.

29.2.2 If the game is stopped by an official for any valid reason not connected with either team, a new twenty-four second period and possession of the ball shall be awarded to the team that previously had control of the ball. However, if in the judgment of the officials, the opponents would be placed at a disadvantage, the twenty-four second device shall continue from the time it was stopped.

29.2.3 If the twenty-four second device signal sounds in error while a team has control of the ball or neither team has control of the ball, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue. However, if in the judgment of the officials, the team in control of the ball has been placed at a disadvantage, the game shall be stopped, the twenty-four second device shall be corrected and the ball shall be awarded to that team.