

# Contact on Free Throw Shooter Document

There has been some questions on the administration of the rule for breaking the plane of the free throw line extended.

Please review the information below for clarification of the rule;

The following rule was put in place to **protect the free throw shooter**.

- Players who occupy free throw lane line marked spaces during free throws may enter the **free-throw lane** upon the free thrower releasing the ball; however, should a defensive player cross the **free-throw line** *before the ball contacts the rim, backboard or the free throw ends he/she has committed a violation*.

Note; Notice one says **lane** and the other says **line**. The violation occurs because the player crossed the free throw **line** too soon.

*SITUATION 1:* After A1 releases the ball on a free throw try, and before the ball contacts the rim, backboard or the free-throw ends, B1 steps into the free throw lane and backs across the **free-throw line** to box out the free-throw shooter **but DOES NOT displace the free-throw shooter**.

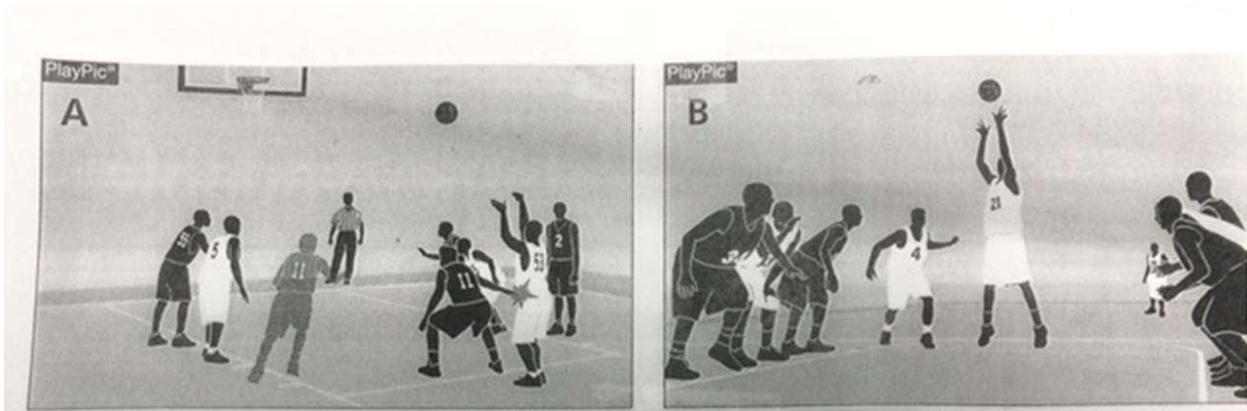
*RULING:* The official should rule a lane violation on the opponent. (9-1-2g Penalty 2b)

In PlayPic "A" #11 has committed a violation because the player crossed the plane of the **free-throw line** before the ball contacted the rim, backboard or the free throw ended. #11 has a foot on the line and does not displace the shooter. This is only a **violation**, just like if someone on the lane space enter into the free-throw **lane** too soon. A delayed violation signal is to be displayed.



## Signal for Delayed Lane Violation

- If the free throw is successful, the violation is ignored.
- If the free throw is unsuccessful, the violation is enforced and a substitute free throw is awarded.

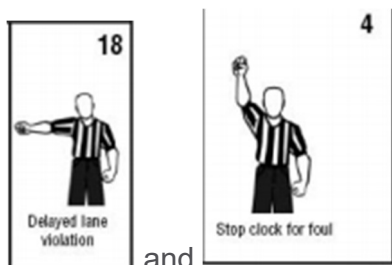


## **DISPLACEMENT OF THE FREE-THROWER**

**SITUATION 2:** After A1 releases the ball on a free throw try, B1 steps into the lane and backs across the **free-throw line** to box out the free-throw shooter and **displaces the free-throw shooter**. Please watch video to see the type of contact that we would deem as displacing the free-throw shooter.

### VIDEO-DISPLACEMENT OF FREE THROW SHOOTER

**RULING:** The official should rule a delayed violation on the opponent, and also rule the contact a personal foul(4-19-1).



and

- If the basket is made one point is awarded to the offense. and the **violation** is ignored.
  - remaining free throw(s) would be administered with the free-throw lane spaces unoccupied.
- If the free-throw attempted is missed
  - the free-thrower gets a substitute free throw
  - the substitute free-throw and any remaining free throw(s) would be administered with the free-throw lane spaces unoccupied.

**Note:** *The foul will be enforced regardless of whether the free-throw is made or missed.* (9-1-2g Penalty 2b)

### **Violation:**

1. If the free-throw attempt is made and there are no other free-throw attempts remaining, proceed to administering the foul that was committed against the shooter
2. Because the offensive team will get the ball back (either out of bounds for a throw-in or free-throw attempts if the team is in the bonus) clear the lane space.
  - a) Shoot the substitute free-throw and any remaining free throw attempts related to the initial free throws.

### **Foul:**

1. Now we must administer the foul for displacing the free throw shooter.
  - a) If not in bonus the offensive team retains the ball for a spot throw-in under the basket.
  - b) If in the bonus situation, shoot the bonus free-throws with the lane spaces occupied and continue play.

Please note the type of contact in the video that will warrant a foul. **DISPLACEMENT!** Incidental contact on the free-throw shooter will not constitute a foul. As a chapter we must be consistent with this rule. If we address the situation early, (call the violation) it should keep us out of the more difficult ruling of having to administer the **violation and the foul**.