

EDMONTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLARIFICATION TO FIBA RULE EXCEPTION #1

1. Man-to-man defence during league play (including playoffs); zone full court press may be utilized. When ball crosses centre line defensive team reverts to man-to-man play.

This means that no half-court zone is allowed. Teams may employ a zone press, but once the press is broken the defending team must return to man on man. This exception is implemented in an effort to teach the kids to play good fundamental defence. To aid in this effort, the following rules shall be enforced with regards to illegal defence:

- a) Defensive Players are required to play one-on-one defense. Each defensive Player must be responsible for guarding one offensive Player. No specific distance is stated for the purpose of guarding an offensive Player. If an offensive Player moves from one ball side to non-ball side, or vice versa, the defensive player must move to the same side of the floor as well.
- b) A Player may leave his/her check to help on a Player with the ball, either in the front or back court. If the Player who had the ball passes the ball to another offensive Player the defensive Player must return to guard his/her offensive Player.
- c) Two or more defensive Players may not double-team an offensive Player who is not in possession of the ball.
- d) No team may employ a full court press when they are leading by 20 points or more anytime during the game. Once ahead by 20 points the defense may only play defense in the half court.

PENALTY:

A) 1st offense: The Referee will stop play and warn the Coach and the Player(s). One warning will be given per category of illegal defence violation.

B) Further offenses: A technical foul will be called against the offending player.