

## Delay of Game

A delay-of-game penalty is called whenever a player or team commits an act that causes a postponement or interruption in play, whether or not the delay results in an unfair advantage.

The first time in a game when a player or team commits a delay-of-game violation, the team is assessed a delay-of-game warning. The second delay violation results in a technical foul.

Delay-of-Game situations are:

1. Preventing the ball from being promptly put into play.
2. Interfering with the ball after a successful field goal or free throw.
3. Failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearest official when a personal foul or violation is assessed.
4. Touching the ball before the throw-in has been released.
5. A defender crossing the boundary line prior to the ball being released on a throw-in.
6. A team preventing play from commencing at any time.
7. Any player, coach or trainer interfering with a ball which has crossed the boundary line (Rule 8—Section II—e).
8. A player entering the game when beckoned by an official with his shirt untucked.

Any act that results in a second delay-of-game offense will result in a technical foul regardless of the act that resulted in the first warning. For example, a team would be assessed a delay-of-game technical for interfering with the ball as noted above following an earlier delay-of-game warning issued because they failed to exit their huddle during a timeout.

For the 2013-14 season, the Competition Committee decided to more strictly interpret a player preventing the ball from being promptly put into play (Rule 12 II a (2)) in an effort to eliminate any advantage gained by delaying an inbound.

Going forward, contact (and in particular, hand contact) with the ball after a made basket by new defensive players that is accidental or unavoidable will not be deemed to delay the game, provided that players do not hold the ball or otherwise redirect it. However, if new defensive players either seek contact with the ball or, when the contact is accidental, hold or redirect the ball in some way a delay penalty will be assessed.