

## **Rule change in the children's rules 23-24 for U13 Champions for away balls and offences**

So far, we have used FIBA's rules in the U13 Mesterrække, which means that every time the whistle is blown, the referee must handle the ball and hand it to the player before the game can be started. There is a relatively large desire to test a change in the way the referees in the U13M handle situations after throw-ins for offsides and offences. We have already played with a similar rule in the grand-prix tournament for a few years, in order to increase the pace in the matches where games are played with a fixed time.

### **The rule will be introduced from this season (23-24), but initially only for one year**

We know from the GP tournament that it makes the matches flow easier and faster, and we have a fairly safe assumption, that it will also do the same in Mesterrækken, even though we play there with efficient playing time and mostly on larger courts. Therefore, we will use this season to assess whether the rule has the desired effect and whether the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. We do this to determine, partly whether the rule should continue and partly whether it would make sense to introduce the same rule in U15.

### **What does the rule change entail?**

The rule, which is also used in Spain, implies the following:

All throw-ins in the own half of the court can be taken by a player from the team that wins the throw-in without the referee having to touch the ball in the following situations:

- Out-of-bounce
- For violations resulting from travelling, illegal dribbling, foot on the ball (kicking), hitting the ball with the fist and the 5-second rule

For all throw-ins in the opponent's half of the court, the referee must, as before, touch the ball and hand it over before the game starts.

In the last 2 minutes of regular playing time and possibly over time, as well as in all stoppages of the game due to 24-second offences, fouls of all sorts, time-outs and if a substitution has been requested, the game must be played according to FIBA's rules - i.e. that the ball must be touched by the referee before it is put into play. This also means that you cannot get a time-out or replacement if you have not asked for it in time.

NB: In the U13M, there is only the possibility of substitutions in the fifth period and in OT.

### **Handling the rule**

It is important that the rule is not misused - the throw-in must be taken where the ball goes out-of-bounce or where the violation took place. The referees always have the right to demand touching the ball if they deem it necessary - for example in complicated situations at 5-sec. It also means that the team that loses the ball must release the ball at the spot, where the violation takes place. The normal precautions for unsportsmanlike behavior are followed here.

The rule comes into force in the current season (23-24) and initially only for one year. Before the end of the current season, the Player and Club Development Committee will decide whether the rule should continue.

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