

FREE THROW MECHANIC

2023 Modification

This document identifies a minor modification to the mechanic, use of signals 67, 68 and 69 (see below) by the CENTER REFEREE during the administration of free throws.

The CENTER REFEREE should continue to use signal 67 (indicating 1 free throw); signal 68 (indicating 2 free throws) and signal 69 (indicating 3 free throws) prior to the ball being made live by the LEAD REFEREE, placing the ball at the disposal of the free throw shooter.

Once the ball is live - the CENTER REFEREE may release (drop) the relevant signal and have their arms by their sides, in a normal stance.

The CENTER REFEREE is not required to hold the relevant signal, through the release of the ball by the shooter, nor is there a need to indicate a successful free throw (1-point), nor is there a need to start the clock after an unsuccessful free throw, when play continues. **However, in situations with less experienced scorers and timers the CENTER REFEREE may continue to start the clock after a missed free throw if it improves the smooth running of the game. (Amendment Jan 9, 2023)**

The CENTER REFEREE's use of signals 67-69 is only required from the moment immediately prior to the LEAD REFEREE entering the restricted area to administer each free throw - and only until the ball is live.

This procedure is effective immediately.

