



## 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.

