

Basketball Scorekeeper Cheat Sheet

1) Pre-Game

- Fill in division, date/time, location, team names, and officials.

2) Tracking the Score

- Use the SCORE boxes to track each team's running total.
- Cross out the number that equals the team's new score after a basket/free throw.
 - 1 point (made free throw): cross out the next number.
 - 2-pointer: skip one number, cross the next.
 - 3-pointer: (referee raises hand on made shot)—skip two numbers, cross the next.
- The last crossed number always shows the current score.

3) Player Fouls / Team Fouls

- Player fouls do not need to be tracked.
- Mark fouls in the Team Fouls row by half. Team fouls reset for second half.
- Tell officials when a team is near or in the bonus.
- At 7 team fouls, notify officials (automatic 1-and-1 free throw).
- Mark technical fouls in the 'Tech' column.

5) Timeouts

- Each team: 2 per half, +1 in OT.
- Cross off a timeout box when used.

6) Possession Arrow

- Use the POSSESSION box to track which team gets the ball on jump balls or at halftime possession change.
- Alternate 'H' and 'A' in the empty boxes to note whether the Home or Away team gets next possession.

7) End of Game

- Confirm final score matches the last crossed number.
- Write the winning team if needed.
- Double-check fouls and timeouts.
- Have scorer/officials sign if required.
- Turn in completed scoresheet to site supervisor.