

Division Line Rule: "If a player in possession of the ball is touching or straddling the division line he is to be considered in the back court regardless of the direction from which the ball comes to him. If he dribbles the ball from the back court, the ten-seconds count continues as long as he is touching the floor on or behind the line. If he dribbles the ball from the front court, he is considered to be in the back court as soon as he touches or straddles the line, just as last year. If he receives a pass while touching or straddling the line, the foregoing applies in the same way. Under this new ruling there is one fact to bear in mind: On the line is in the back court." This new ruling definitely settles all past controversies regarding the direction of the player and the ball.

Touching Ball: "If the ball is in the air on a try for goal when the signal sounds to end a period, subsequent touching of the ball by a teammate of the thrower nullifies the goal; but if such touching is done by a defensive player, the goal counts if made." This rule clarifies the rules regarding ball touched by a defensive player. Heretofore this was not clear.

Size of Ball: For players below senior high school age the minimum circumference of the ball is to be 29 inches. For older players the minimum circumference continues to be  $29\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The maximum circumference for all balls is to be 30 inches instead of  $30\frac{1}{2}$  inches." It was felt that a smaller ball for youngsters would encourage better ball handling.