

NATIONAL BASKET BALL COACHES ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATION.

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"We recommend that:

- (1) a two inch line known as the center line be drawn laterally across the court bisecting the center circle;
- (2) when a team obtains possession and control of the ball in its own back-court, that team must advance the ball over the center line within a period of ten seconds unless the ball has been touched by an opponent. In this case a new play results and timing begins again when possession and control is regained in back-court;
- (3) when the ball has been advanced over the center line it must not be returned back over center line until a try for goal has been made or possession of the ball has been lost. When the offensive team obtains possession and control of the ball in their offensive half of the court or if the offensive team shoots for the basket and recovers the ball they may pass <sup>or dribble</sup> the ball back over the center line but once. PENALTY - failure to comply with sections 2 or 3 constitutes a violation - loss of ball to the opponents out of bounds at nearest side line;
- (4) rulings on touching the center line shall be made in accordance with the present practice in regard to out of bounds decisions. Touching the center line shall be construed as 'over'."