

Rule 1, Section 3. Add the following sentence: This diameter shall be extended in both directions until it intersects the side-lines and shall be known as the center line. The line shall be two inches wide. On courts less than sixty feet long this extension is not to be made.

Rule 8, new section 8.

(a) When a team gains possession 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, while out of control of the team, has been touched by an opponent. In the latter event, a new play results and the ten-second period begins again when possession of the ball is regained in the back-court. When a team has advanced the ball over the center line this team may not return the ball to its back-court ~~###~~ until

- (1) a try for goal has been made, or,
- (2) a jump ball has taken place, or,
- (3) an out-of-bounds award has been made, or,
- (4) the ball has been recovered from the possession of the opponents.

(b) When a team gains possession of the ball in its front-court as a result of (1), (2), (3), or (4) above it may cause the ball to go back over the center line once only.

Penalty:- Failure to comply with the provisions of this section is a violation and the ball shall be awarded to the opponents out-of-bounds, on the side, opposite the point where the violation occurs, except that if a team returns the ball to its back-court illegally and the ball is first touched in the back-court by an opponent, play shall continue. Touching the center line shall be construed as "over", as in out-of-bounds decisions.

When a team has been awarded the ball out-of-bounds, the ten-seconds count begins at the instant the ball is passed into the court. If the ball is lying on the court in possession of neither team and neither team makes an effort to gain possession, the ball must be played by the team in whose back-court the ball lies. After allowing this team sufficient time to gain possession of the ball, the referee (or umpire) shall begin the ten second count. The referee (or umpire) should count silently and it is suggested that the following method of counting seconds be used: "thousand-and-one, thousand-and-two," etc.

None of the provisions of Section 8 apply to courts less than sixty feet long.

The foregoing is an attempt to phrase the new rule in conformity with the ideas of those who sponsored it, and at the same time to cover as many of the situations as possible. Please criticize it freely, but bear in mind that the section must be stated clearly and fully for the benefit of the thousands who have no opportunity to attend interpretation meeting. Send your suggestions promptly to the undersigned.

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