

A number of the Boards have asked for a rule which will govern the playing on floors in which the side walls and end walls represent the side and end lines, respectively. These same Boards also complain of low ceilings. As a result of these conditions, the home club generally seeks an advantage by forming their own ground rules on which the opponents do not always agree. Different floors have different rules. It has been reported that games have been delayed often as long as an hour before an agreement has been reached.

In as much as these conditions exist in a widely distributed area, the committee recommends that the rules committee give consideration to the following recommendations to be known as Item 1, and Item 2, to be included in Section 2 of Rule 1.

Item 1.

On all floors which have one or more walks for boundary lines, the ball shall be considered out of bounds when it or the man in possession of it, touches the wall in any manner.

Item 2

On all floors with low ceilings, the ball shall be awarded to the opponents out of bounds if a thrown ball strikes the ceiling or any object attached to it.

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One board president reported have been called on two different occasions concerning the marking out of a court. It was alleged that the explanation and the diagram were not clear. The following changes are recommended:

Rule 1,

Section 3 now reads, The center circle shall have a radius ---. Change to, The center circle shall have an inside radius---

Section 5, Rule 1 now reads, ---. These perpendicular lines shall be terminated and the lanes further marked by arcs of circles having a 6-foot radius---. Change to, These perpendicular lines shall be terminated and the lanes further marked by arcs of circles having a 6-foot inside radius---

It is also recommended that the following sentence be added to Section 5, Rule 1: All lines which bound the free throw lane shall be at least two inches wide. (See diagram on opposite page).

Section 6, Rule 1, last sentence, reads, It shall be one inch in width, and extend parallel to, and at a distance of 17 feet from, the inner edge of the end line. Change to read, It shall be 1 inch in width, and extend parallel to, and at a distance of 17 feet from its back edge to the inner edge of the end line.