

In order to make for greater clarity it is recommended that the following sentence, bracketted in parenthesis, be added to Section 13, Rule 5:

(See note of explanation on page 30).

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In order that there may not be any misunderstanding as to the exact starting of the game, it is recommended that a fourth paragraph be added to Section 1, Rule 8, reading as follows:

When both teams are on the court they shall be notified five minutes ~~before~~ the exact time for the game to start. (Such time should preferably have previously been agreed upon).

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Officials report that teams have been tardy in coming on the floor at the beginning of the second half. Rule 8, Section 2, deals with this point. It has been suggested that a time out be charged for each minute's tardiness. The same might apply when time is taken out for any reason.

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A rather general feeling exists that a question-answer be added to Section 5, Rule 8,

Question.--If a center steps on or across the center line into the other half of the circle should a foul be called?

Answer.-- The center should stand in his half of the center circle without encroaching on the center line or the other half of the circle. If personal contact occurs on such encroachment, it is a personal foul; if not, it is a violation and the ball goes to the opposing team out of bounds. These rulings apply before and after the ball has been tapped. Good basketball is fostered by having centers keep to their own portions of the circle.

The same should apply to a jump ball in any other part of the court.

Some officials have suggested that we return to the a former practice of requiring a hand behind the back on jump ball. Failure to do so is to be regarded as a penalty violation unless personal foul occurs.

The committee was no so keen about the latter suggestion; but, the proposal must have meritt, in as much as it was mentioned by a number.