

RULE 1—Playing Court

SECTION 1. The Playing Court shall be a rectangular surface free from obstructions and shall have maximum dimensions of 94 feet in length by 50 feet in width and minimum dimensions of 60 feet in length by 35 feet in width.

NOTE—By mutual agreement of the captains, Section 1 and the distance of boundaries from obstructions (in Section 2) may be changed.

The following dimensions are considered ideal for teams whose players are of the age indicated for each group

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| 1. Junior high school age..... | 42 by 74 feet |
| 2. High school age..... | 50 by 84 feet |
| 3. College age | 50 by 90 feet |

These are the dimensions for the playing court only. The minimum dimensions of the court in buildings constructed hereafter shall be 42 by 74 feet, with proper additional allowance for spectators. (See suggestions to architects in the Comments following these rules.)

SECTION 2. The Playing Court shall be marked by well defined lines, which shall be not less than 2 inches in width and which shall be at every point at least 3 feet from any obstruction. The lines on the long sides of the court shall be termed the **Side Lines**, those on the short sides, the **End Lines**. Wherever possible, the margin out of bounds should be 10 feet. (See diagram.)

SECTION 3. The **Center Circle** shall have a radius of 2 feet and it shall be marked in the center of the court. A diameter parallel to the end lines shall be drawn in this circle. The line shall be 2 inches wide. A second circle concentric with the center circle shall be drawn with a radius of 6 feet and marked with a line 2 inches wide. The radius shall be measured to the outer edge of the line used in marking it. (See diagram.)

SECTION 4. The court shall be divided into two parts by extending the diameter of the center circle in both directions until it intersects the side lines; except that, **Division Line.** if the court is less than 75 feet long, it is recommended that it be divided by drawing two lines parallel to the end lines, each 40 feet from the farther end line. If, however, this would cause these lines to be inside the free throw lines, the court shall be divided by extending the free throw lines until they intersect the side lines. It is recommended that these lines be painted in a color that will distinguish them from the other lines on the court. The line (or lines) described in this section shall be termed the **Division Line**.