

***SECTION 5.** The **Free Throw Lanes** shall be areas laid out at each end of the court. Each lane shall be bounded by two lines 6 feet apart, equidistant from the side lines and parallel thereto. These parallel lines shall be terminated and the lane further bounded by the major arc of a circle having a 6-foot radius with its center equidistant from the side lines and 17 feet from the inner edge of the end line (19 feet if the end line is 4 feet behind the backboard). The minor arc of this circle, lying between the parallel lines, shall be a broken line.

Spaces 3 feet long, measured from the place of the face of the backboard, shall be marked on the free throw lanes to aid in placing players during free throws. These spaces shall be lettered "H" for the home team and "V" for visiting team. (See diagram.)

SECTION 6. A **Free Throw Line** shall be drawn across each of the circles described in Section 5. It shall be 1 inch in width, and extend parallel to, and have its outer edge 15 feet from, the plane of the face of the backboard.

RULE 2—Backboards

SECTION 1. **Backboards** must be provided, the dimensions of which shall be 6 feet horizontally and 4 feet vertically. These backboards shall be made of plate glass or wood, or of any other material that is flat and rigid. The faces of the backboards shall be painted white.

SECTION 2. The **backboards** shall be located in a position at each end at right angles to the floor, parallel to the end lines, and with their lower edges 9 feet above the floor. Their centers shall lie in the perpendiculars erected at the points in the court 2 feet from the midpoints of the end lines. The backboard faces shall be 15 feet from the far edges of the free throw lines.

NOTE—On courts where it is feasible, the backboards may be four feet from the end lines.*

SECTION 3. The **backboards** shall be protected from spectators to a distance of at least 3 feet behind and at each end.

RULE 3—Baskets

SECTION 1. The **Baskets** shall consist of black rings 18 inches in inside diameter, with nets of white cord suspended from the under edges of the rings. The rings shall be made