

**SECTION 4.** A player who has left the game, except for disqualification for four personal fouls or for other disqualification, may re-enter the game twice.

**Re-entering the Game.**

**\*SECTION 5.** A player may not leave the playing court without permission of the Officials until time is called at the end of the half (See Rule 15-3), except as authorized by the rules.

**Ques.—**In case of disqualification or substitution, must the retiring player get permission to leave the court? **Ans.—**No; but a player should be sure that he has been disqualified, or substituted for, before he leaves the court. Otherwise if he leaves without orders from the Officials, a foul may be called for leaving the court without permission.

**SECTION 6.** Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of his shirt with plain numbers of solid color contrasting with the color of his shirt, and made of inch wide material. The number on the back shall be at least 6 inches high and that on the front at least 4 inches high. Teams shall not use numbers one (1) and two (2) in numbering their players.

**Numbers.**

**Ques.—**If the contesting teams have shirts of the same color, what shall be done? **Ans.—**The home team should change. If the game is on a neutral court it shall be decided by the Officials after consultation with those in charge.

## RULE 6—Officials and Their Duties

**SECTION 1.** The Officials shall be a Referee and an Umpire, who shall be assisted by two Timekeepers and by two Scorers.

*NOTE—It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the Referee and Umpire of a given game should not be connected in any way with either of the organizations represented, and that they should be thoroughly competent and impartial. They should wear uniforms distinct from those of either team. The Officials have no authority to agree to changes in the rules except those mentioned in Rule 1, Section 1 (Note) and Section 2.*

*The Committee believes that the game is most efficiently handled by the "Double Referee system," whereby each Official covers one side and one end of the court, and is chiefly responsible for plays in his half of the court.*

**SECTION 2.** The Referee shall inspect and approve all equipment, including court, baskets, ball, backboards, Timekeepers' and Scorers' signals. He shall not permit any player to wear braces, which in his judgment are dangerous to other players.

**Inspection of Equipment by Referee.**