

**SECTION 2.** Captains shall be notified three minutes before each half is to begin. If a team is not ready within one minute after play is called by the Referee at the beginning of either half, a technical foul shall be called for each minute of delay. In case of unavoidable delay the Referee shall make proper allowance.

**Ques.**—Who should notify Captains three minutes before each half is to begin? **Ans.**—It is the duty of the Referee to see that this warning is properly given. He may delegate the Timekeepers to do this, or it may be done by the Umpire, but the Referee is responsible for seeing that someone does it.

**SECTION 3.** The visiting team shall have choice of baskets in the first half. For the second half the teams shall change baskets.

**SECTION 4.** The ball may be passed, thrown, batted, bounced, rolled or dribbled in any direction.

**SECTION 5.** The ball shall be put in play in the center circle  
**Center Jump.** (except as otherwise provided in these rules):

- a. At the beginning of each half, and of each extra period;
  - b. After held ball on or inside the restraining circle at center;
  - c. After a free throw following a technical foul, or after the last free throw following a technical foul, if more than one has been called (see Rule 13, Section 6, last paragraph);
  - d. After the last free throw following a double foul;
- in the following manner:

Each center player shall stand with both feet on or inside his half of the center circle. An Official shall then toss the ball upward in a plane at right angles to the side lines between the center players, to a height greater than either of them can jump and so that it will drop between them. The ball must be tapped by one or both of the center players after it reaches its highest point. If it touches the floor without being tapped by at least one of the jumpers, the Official shall put it in play again in the same place.

**Ques.**—Must the players face toward their "own" baskets when jumping in center or elsewhere? **Ans.**—No particular facing is required.

**Ques.**—Which half of the center circle is considered the player's "own half"? **Ans.**—The half farther from his own basket.

**SECTION 6.** The center players must not tap the ball before it reaches its highest point, and must not leave the circle until the ball has been tapped. Neither center may tap the ball more than twice, after which neither may touch

**When Ball  
is Tapped.**