

the ball again until it has touched one of the other eight players, the floor, the basket, or the backboard. Under this provision four taps are possible, two by each center. When jump ball takes place at center or at one of the free throw lines, all players except the jumpers shall remain outside the restraining circle until the ball has been tapped. Infraction of this clause is normally a violation (award of ball to opponents out of bounds), but repeated infraction may be penalized as delay of the game.

Ques.—When the ball is tossed up by an Official in center or elsewhere, are both players obliged to jump and make an effort to tap the ball? **Ans.**—No. If, however, neither player taps the ball, the Official should toss it up again at the same place and order both players to jump and make an honest attempt to tap it.

Ques.—On jump ball at the free throw line, one of the jumpers taps the ball into his basket and on the play an opponent enters the circle too soon or commits some other infraction of the jumping rules. Does the goal count? **Ans.**—Yes, and the opponent's infraction is disregarded.

SECTION 7. When the ball is tossed up between two players elsewhere than in the center, the players shall assume the same position in relation to each other as when jumping in the center, the other players being required to remain a reasonable distance from the jumpers and the Official until the ball has been tapped.

***SECTION 8.** (a) When a team gains control of the ball in its back court, that team must advance the ball to its front court within a period of ten seconds unless the ball, while out of control of the team, touches or is touched by an opponent. In the latter event, a new play results and the ten-seconds period begins again when control of the ball is regained in the back court. When the ball is thrown from out of bounds to a team's back court, the count starts when that team gains control of the ball.

PENALTY—

Violation. Opponents' ball out of bounds at point nearest the ball when the ten-seconds period expires.

NOTE—A team has advanced the ball to its front court: (1) when it is in possession of a player beyond the line, that is, when neither the player nor the ball is touching the floor on or behind the division line; or (2) when not in possession of a player, the ball touches the floor, a player or an Official beyond the line.