



Basketball Rules

SCORING:

2 point field goal- a shot made from anywhere during play inside the 3 pt arc.

3 point field goal- a shot made from anywhere outside the 3 pt arc.

Free throw- 1 point is awarded to an unguarded shot taken from behind the free throw line while the clock is stopped.

SKILLS:

Boxing out- a player's position between an opposing player and the basket to obtain a better rebounding position.

Dribbling- bouncing the ball with 1 hand using your fingertips instead of your palm so that it rebounds back to yourself (the only legal way to move with the ball)

Passing- moving the ball by throwing, bouncing, handing, or rolling it to another player (Chest, Bounce, Lob)

Shooting- throwing the ball to make a basket

Pivoting- stepping once or more in any direction with the same foot while holding the other foot at its initial point.

Rebounding- The recovering of a shot that bounces off the backboard or the rim.

FOULS: results in one or more free throws awarded to the opposing team

Blocking- impeding the progress of an opponent by extending one or both arms horizontally or getting in the path of a moving player.

Charging- running into a stationary player while you are moving with the ball.

Hacking- the player hits the arm or hand of the person holding the ball.

Holding- the player holds the person with or without the ball.

VIOLATIONS: results in a change of possession with the team in bounding the ball at the side line opposite where the infringement took place

Traveling- moving illegally with the ball

Three seconds- an offensive player remains in the key (free throw lane- the area under the basket) for more than 3 seconds

Double dribble- a player dribbles the ball with both hands at the same time or they stop and then start dribbling again

TERMS:

Air ball- a shot that completely misses the rim and the backboard

Assist- a pass to a teammate who then scores a field goal.

Defense- team trying to stop the other team from scoring

Dunk- to throw the ball down into the basket with the hand above the level of the rim

Fast break- dribbling or passing the ball towards your basket before the defense can set up

Man-to-man- a defensive strategy where everyone guards an assigned player

Offense- team trying to score

Turn over- any loss of the ball without a shot being taken

Zone defense- a defensive strategy where everyone guards an area instead of a player (2-1-2, 2-3)

More Information

Optional Reading

Rules of Ultimate Frisbee

Rules of Golf

USGA History

Games

Long Drive

Golf Word Puzzle

NEW

Power Hitter

Sports Slang

Sports Trivia