



Mini Ball Rules

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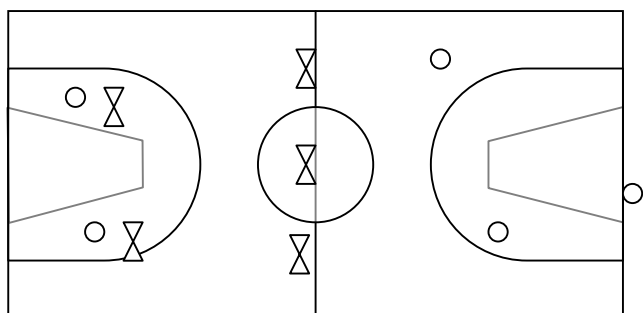
Modified Rules

1. No Zone defence allowed.
2. No 3 pointers allowed
3. No cross court violations
(There is no violation when a player causes the ball to go into his team's back court after the ball has crossed the half way line)
4. Half court defence after a score
(After a team scores all players must retreat beyond the centre-line and may not cross it until after the ball does.

Penalty (Rule 4): Possession at the centre line with the same rule applied.

Court Balance

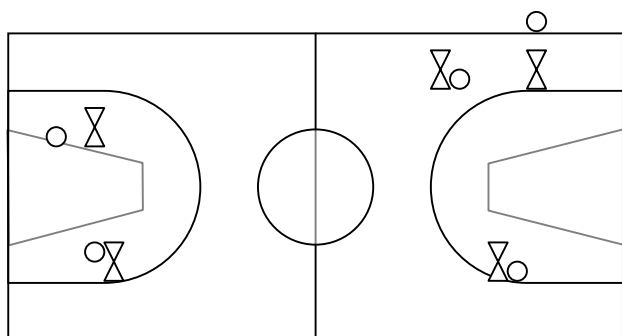
After a score OR on a back court side ball, 2 offensive and 2 defensive players be inside the offensive 3 point line (forwards not in the keyway) BEFORE the ball is put into play and remain there until the ball crosses the centre line.



After a score

O - offensive player

Δ - defensive Player



Back Court Side Ball

O - offensive player

Δ - defensive Player

Penalty (Court Balance): If the violation is on the defence, possession to the offensive team at the centre line with the same rule applied. If the offence violates, loss of possession and the defence takes possession at the centre line with the same rule applied.

Notes for coaches on half court defence and court balance rules

Team coaches will only be permitted to move along the score bench sideline and if necessary, enter a few paces onto the court to help position players. The referees won't allow the ball to be put into play until both coaches have started to move away from the playing court and return to their coaching areas.

Coaches are requested to keep their movement to the minimum necessary to position players so that interruptions to play are as short as possible. It is envisaged that the need for coaches to move will decrease as the season progresses.

Notes for referees on half court defence and court balance rules

The referees should administer these rules similarly to a foul call situation. One referee will hold the ball either at the baseline (after a score) or at the side line (for a back court side ball), while the lead official checks that the players are in place. When satisfied the thumb up signal is given and the ball is put into play.

If players aren't in position, the lead referee may need to approach the coaches to get the players to move down the court. We need the coaches to do this because they have to decide which positions and roles their players play.

The coaches are allowed to enter the court as far as necessary to organise their players, but should move back towards their coaching benches before the ball is put in play (thumb up). They should be off the court while the ball is in motion.

Once the ball is in play the referees will often be able to tell the defensive team to stay behind the half way line (after a score). They will also be able to remind the players of both teams to stay within the 3 point line while the ball is being put in play in the back court and thus avoid an infringement of the rules.

Additional Rules

While the players are learning the referees would normally stop the game, explain the rule to the players and start the game again from the original position.

Don't be worried if the game slows down, because this is part of what we want. It will help you as well as the players and coaches.

Travelling (taking more than one step after catching the ball)

This is quite difficult for some young children to grasp and it is often necessary for the referees to be a little more lenient on some players than others. Be understanding about that.

Fouls (a player may not push or hold another player with their hands or body, nor make contact with another player's arms with their hands or arms in trying to steal the ball or stop a shot).

With 10 players in a confined space all trying to get the ball some contact will always occur. It is not possible for the referees to call a foul for every incident. The referees are instructed to control the game by calling fouls for rough play, and to watch particularly for fouls on a player shooting.

Three Seconds (players are normally only allowed to spend 3 seconds in their offensive keyway before a shot is taken)

The time limit is extended and this call should not be made until about 5 seconds and may not need calling too often, particularly early in the season, unless an unfair advantage is gained.

Participation: The aim should be to give every player a nearly equal share of court time while allowing for age and physical well being. Sometimes playing time will be varied from week to week but it should average out. As a beginning coach I found it useful to keep notes - particularly with 9 or 10 players.

Winning: Coaches and parents should not be concerned about winning the games. There are no finals, premiership tables or best player awards. Ideally all teams should win some games. That is not always going to happen so be really positive about the good things that your child or team does.