**NCAA Basketball**

Restricted Area Arc: 3' for women and 4' for men

*NOTE: Division I men's institutions are required to have a 4' arc for the 2015-16 season; Divisions II and III men's institutions are required to have a 4' arc starting with the 2016-17 season. All three women's divisions will continue to use the existing 3' arc.*

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. To place the arc on the floor, mark a spot on the floor directly under the center of the basket.

2. Using a measuring device, create a semicircle that extends four feet for the men and three feet for the women from the center of the basket. *(Note: No. 4 below provides detail for measuring these distances.)*

3. Measure several points from the center of the basket, including two points along a plane parallel to the backboard.

4. The restricted area arc shall be drawn as a two-inch line with the:
   a. **inner** edge of the line measuring **four feet** from the center of the basket for **men**
   b. **outer** edge of the line measuring **three feet** from the center of the basket for **women**

5. At the diameter points of the semicircle (the plane parallel to the backboard), the line straightens, similar to the three-point line.

6. The arc’s straight lines shall end at the front edge of the backboard.

7. The lines must be clear and discernible from the surrounding area. The three-foot and four-foot lines also must be different colors.