



**NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee**  
**2011 Annual Meeting Report**

**1. Major Rules Changes.**

- a. **3-foot Restricted Area Arc.** After significant research and experimentation, the committee settled on approving a restricted area arc three feet from the center of the basket. Inside this area, a secondary defender will not be able to draw a charge. This change will go into effect for Division I in the 2011-12 season and for Divisions II and III in the 2012-13 seasons. Division II and III will follow the previous rule in 2011-12 regarding the restricted area, which is only directly under the basket. *(See Restricted Area Arc Notes at the end of this document.)*
- b. **Change in Foul Designations.** The committee is removing the use of "intentional" fouls and replacing it with "Flagrant 1." A Flagrant 2 foul replaces the old "flagrant" foul.
- c. **Timeout administration.** The committee added that an official team warning shall be issued to a team that is not ready to resume play after the second warning horn has sounded after a timeout. After one team warning, the officials are instructed to use resumption of play procedures if that team violates again (e.g., put the ball on the floor and begin the count).
- d. **Coach Review Request: Flagrant 2 Fouls.** The committee approved a rule that allows the head coach to request a review for a Flagrant 2 foul. However, if no Flagrant 2 or Flagrant 1 foul was committed the requesting coach shall be charged a timeout.

**2. Other Significant Changes.**

- a. **Floor Markings.** The committee clarified that all required markings (boundary lines, division line, center circle, lane lines, arc, etc.) "must be clearly discernable and distinguishable" from anything surrounding them. Shadow lines and alternative patterns, etc. are being used more frequently and the committee believes it is necessary to clarify its expectations with regard to court markings.
- b. **Lane Color.** The color of the lane was also reviewed and it remains highly recommended that the lane be of a single color. However, the committee noted several designs and patterns that appear to meet the intent of the rule, which is to clearly distinguish the lane from the area around it. Therefore, the restriction of only one color has been deleted.
- c. **Bleeding Player.** In this area, the committee is making an effort to keep players in the game that are not significantly injured or may have blood from another player on them. The new rule will allow 20 seconds to remedy the situation before play restarts. Previously, the player would have to leave the game immediately.





## **RESTRICTED AREA ARC – NOTES**

### **Background.**

- In 2009, the committee approved making an unmarked location directly under the basket an area where a secondary defender could not legally take a charge.
- In the 2010-11 season, the committee experimented with a 2-foot arc. The results indicated that this area was helpful, but was not far enough from the basket to make a significant change.
- Numerous surveys during the past three years indicated a large majority of coaches, administrators and coordinators of officials agreed with placing a visible arc on the floor.

### **Details of New Rule.**

- A restricted area arc will be placed on the floor 3 feet from the center of the basket.
- This restricted area applies only to secondary defenders.
- A secondary defender is defined as:
  - A defender who picks up the dribbler who has beaten the primary defender (e.g., help defense);
  - The second defender in a double-teaming situation; and
  - Any defender during outnumbering fast break plays (e.g., 2-on-1 fast break).

### **Intent/Rationale for Rule.**

- The safety of both the offensive and defensive player involved in the block/charge is a concern and the use of a restricted area arc will eliminate some collisions near the basket. In recent seasons, the number of collisions near the basket and block/charge plays has caused the committee to study these plays. It is the committee's belief that an offensive team player driving to the basket should be protected in this area.
- Having a clearly marked restricted area will create clarity as to where the secondary defender is not allowed to draw a charge.
- The committee chose three feet since it seemed to fit proportionally compared to other current court marking dimensions.
- The committee believes that defensive techniques may have advanced more quickly in recent years and that this change may be a benefit to the offense.