

Backcourt & Frontcourt

A. Definitions

◆ Frontcourt (4-13-1):

- Between endline and nearer edge of division line
- Includes team's own basket and inbounds part of backboard

◆ Backcourt (4-13-2):

- The rest of the court (including division line)
- Includes basket and inbounds part of opponent's backboard

◆ Player Control (4-12-1):

- Holding or dribbling a live ball
- No player control during an interrupted dribble

◆ Team Control (4-12-2,3):

When?

- During player control;
- While live ball is being passed between teammates; and
- During an interrupted dribble

Ends?

- When the ball is in flight on a tap or try; or
- Opponent secures control; or
- Ball becomes dead

◆ Player Location (4-35-2,3):

- When a player is touching the backcourt the player is located in the backcourt
- The location of an airborne player is the same as at the time such player was last in contact with the floor

A. Definitions (cont'd)

◆ Ball Location (4-4):

- In backcourt if touching backcourt player or floor in backcourt
- In frontcourt if neither ball nor player in contact with the ball is in the backcourt

Notes:

- Ball in flight same status as last touched by player
- Ball touching player or official same as touching floor at that location
- Ball touching front face or edge of backboard is same as touching floor inbounds
 - Except cannot throw ball off own backboard to start a dribble
- During a dribble from backcourt to frontcourt, the ball is in the backcourt until the ball and both feet of the dribbler touch entirely in the frontcourt

B. Violations

1. Ten seconds (9-8)

- Continuous player or team control in the backcourt for 10 seconds

2. Backcourt (9-9)

- Be first to touch ball in backcourt which has been:
 - In frontcourt team control, and
 - Last touched by a teammate in the frontcourt
- A player in control or teammate be first to touch ball in backcourt
 - Which has been in backcourt team control, and
 - goes from backcourt to frontcourt and returns to backcourt without touching a player

Simplified: - "AAA"

A - has frontcourt team control;

A - last to touch in frontcourt;

A - first to touch in backcourt

2. Backcourt (9-9) – cont'd

Exceptions:

- On a jump or throw in any player may secure ball in air from frontcourt and land with one or both feet in backcourt
- Defensive player may secure ball in air from frontcourt and land with one or both feet in backcourt

C. Throw in

- The throw in for all violations is the closest location to the violation