



## MEMORANDUM

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To: Men's and Women's Head Basketball Coaches, NCAA Conference Commissioners and Directors of Athletics.

From: Keith Dambrot, Chair, NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee  
Brad Duckworth, Chair, NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee.

Subject: Men's and Women's Basketball Playing Rules Changes Effective for the 2017-18 Season.

Below are links to the basketball playing rules changes recommended by the Men's Basketball Rules Committee and by the Women's Basketball Rules Committee that were approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) during a teleconference yesterday afternoon. All changes are effective with the 2017-18 season. Please note that the following four court marking changes are included in the list of approved rules changes:

- The women's committee increased the size of the restricted-area arc from 3 feet to 4 feet, making it the same as the men's restricted area arc. (Please note that institutions are encouraged, but not required, to remove the 3-foot restricted area arc.)
- Both the men's and women's committees extended the coaching box by 10 feet (from 28' to 38') toward the division line. The line should be placed outside the boundary line. It also should be 2-inches wide and a minimum of 2-feet long. It is recommended that the line be painted, however, a taped line is permissible. (Please note that the current 28-foot lines inbounds and out of bounds should not be removed since these are useful for other rules.)
- The women's committee will now allow the team that advances the ball to choose which side of the playing court to inbound the ball. It is recommended, but not required, that a two-inch long by two-inch wide line be extended out-of-bounds from the sideline opposite the scorers' table. This optional line can be painted or taped.

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- In order to preserve a uniform and clean look on the floor, it is no longer permissible to have commercial advertising inside the 6-foot restraining area at each end line. Any institution (and/or facility) that is contractually bound, as of June 13, 2017, to provide commercial advertising inside the 6-foot restraining area at an end line after the commencement of the 2017-18 season may honor such commitment until the expiration or termination of the institution's contract.

On behalf of the committees, thank you to all of the commissioners, athletics directors, coaches and officials who participated in the rules survey and/or the two-week comment period offered by the committees. The feedback received was very helpful and assisted the committees in its work.

[Men's Basketball Rules Changes](#)

[Women's Basketball Rules Changes](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Calandro or Rachel Seewald, the staff liaisons for the men's and women's basketball rules, respectively.

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cc: Selected NCAA Staff Members  
NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Rules Committees