

Block / Charge

ART. 1 . . . Blocking is illegal personal contact which impedes the progress of an opponent with or without the ball.

ART. 2 . . . Charging is illegal personal contact caused by pushing or moving into an opponent's torso.

- a. A player who is moving with the ball is required to stop or change direction to avoid contact if a defensive player has obtained a legal guarding position in his/her path.
- b. If a guard has obtained a legal guarding position, the player with the ball must get his/her head and shoulders past the torso of the defensive player. If contact occurs on the torso of the defensive player, the dribbler is responsible for the contact.
- c. There must be reasonable space between two defensive players or a defensive player and a boundary line to allow the dribbler to continue in his/her path. If there is less than 3 feet of space, the dribbler has the greater responsibility for the contact.
- d. The player with the ball may not push the torso of the guard to gain an advantage to pass, shoot or dribble