

The Toss

The game and each extra period shall be started by a jump ball in the center restraining circle.

The ball becomes live when the tossed ball leaves the official's hand(s).

JUMP-BALL ADMINISTRATION

ART. 1 . . . For any jump ball, each jumper shall have both feet within that half of the center restraining circle which is farther from his/her basket.

ART. 2 . . . When the official is ready and until the ball is tossed, nonjumpers shall not: a. Move onto the center restraining circle. b. Change position around the center restraining circle.

ART. 3 . . . Teammates may not occupy adjacent positions around the center restraining circle if an opponent indicates a desire for one of these positions before the official is ready to toss the ball.

ART. 4 . . . The ball shall be tossed upward between the jumpers in a plane at right angles to the sidelines. The toss shall be to a height greater than either of them can jump so that it will drop between them.

ART. 5 . . . Until the tossed ball is touched by one or both

jumpers, non-jumpers shall not: a. Have either foot break the plane of the center restraining circle cylinder. b. Take a position in any occupied space.

ART. 6 . . . The tossed ball must be touched by one or both of the jumpers after it reaches its highest point. If the ball contacts the floor without being touched by at least one of the jumpers, the official shall toss it again.

ART. 7 . . . Neither jumper shall: a. Touch the tossed ball before it reaches its highest point. b. Leave the center restraining circle until the ball has been touched. c. Catch the ball before the jump ball ends. d. Touch the ball more than twice.

ART. 8 . . . The jump ball and the restrictions in 6-3-7 end when the touched ball contacts one of the eight non-jumpers, an official, the floor, a basket or backboard.

NOTE: During a jump ball, a jumper is not required to face his/her own basket, provided he/she is in the proper half of the center restraining circle. The jumper is also not required to jump and attempt to touch the tossed ball.

However, if neither jumper touches the ball it should be tossed again with both jumpers being ordered to jump and try to touch the ball.