
DR. JAMES NAISMITH'S 13 ORIGINAL RULES OF BASKETBALL

1. The ball may be thrown in any direction with one or both hands.
2. The ball may be batted in any direction with one or both hands (never with the fist).
3. A player cannot run with the ball. The player must throw it from the spot on which he catches it, allowance to be made for a man who catches the ball when running at a good speed.
4. The ball must be held in or between the hands; the arms or body must not be used for holding it.
5. No shouldering, holding, pushing, tripping, or striking in any way the person of an opponent shall be allowed; the first infringement of this rule by any person shall count as a foul, the second shall disqualify him until the next goal is made, or if there was evident intent to injure the person, for the whole of the game, no substitute allowed.
6. A foul is striking at the ball with the fist, violation of rules 3 and 4, and such as described in rule 5.
7. If either side makes three consecutive fouls, it shall count a goal for the opponents (consecutive means without the opponents in the meantime making a foul).
8. A goal shall be made when the ball is thrown or batted from the grounds into the basket and stays there, providing those defending the goal do not touch or disturb the goal. If the ball rests on the edge and the opponent moves the basket it shall count as a goal.
9. When the ball goes out-of-bounds it shall be thrown into the field, and played by the person first touching it. In case of a dispute, the umpire shall throw it straight into the field. The thrower-in is allowed five seconds, if he holds it longer it shall go to the opponent. If any side persists in delaying the game, the umpire shall call a foul on them.
10. The umpire shall be judge of the men, and shall note the fouls, and notify the referee when three consecutive fouls have been made. He shall have power to disqualify men according to Rule 5.
11. The referee shall be judge of the ball and shall decide when the ball was in play, in bounds, and to which side it belongs, and shall keep the time. He shall decide when a goal has been made, and keep account of the goals with any other duties that are usually performed by a referee.
12. The time shall be two 15-minute halves, with five minutes' rest between.
13. The side making the most goals in that time shall be declared the winners. In case of a draw, the game may, by agreement of the captains, be continued until another goal is made.

Note: These original rules were published in January 1892 in the Springfield College school newspaper, The Triangle.

IMPORTANT RULES CHANGES BY YEAR

The earliest rules book available for this research was from the 1905-06 season. Some of the rules listed in 1905-06 could have actually been instituted before that season.

1891-92

The 13 original rules of basketball were written by Dr. James Naismith in December 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

1894-95

The free-throw line was set at 20 feet.

1895-96

Points awarded for field goal change from three to two, and points awarded for each successful free throw from three points to one point.

1896-97

Backboards were installed.

1900-01

A dribbler could not shoot for a field goal and could dribble only once, and then with two hands.

1905-06

Personal fouls were separated into two classes: "A" for general fouls and "B" for more flagrant fouls. Class A fouls were called for delay of game, tackling the ball (touching the ball when a teammate was already touching it), kicking the ball, striking the ball, advancing the ball, hugging the ball, shooting after dribbling, tackling the opponent, holding the opponent, pushing the opponent, or addressing the game officials. Class B fouls could lead to possible game disqualification and were called for striking the opponent, kicking the opponent, shouldering the opponent, tripping the opponent, hacking the opponent, unnecessary roughness or using profane or abusive language. If two Class B fouls were committed by one player, he was disqualified for the rest of the game.

If a player was fouled during the act of shooting, his team was automatically awarded one point and one free-throw attempt. If the original shot from the field for goal was good, it counted along with the awarded extra point and free-throw attempt.

Each game had one referee, one umpire and two inspectors. The referee was the superior officer of the game and had supreme authority once the game began until it concluded. The referee's main duties were calling fouls and stopping play. The umpire could call fouls and reported to the referee. Inspectors were the referee's assistants and were stationed one at each end of the court. Inspectors had no power to make decisions but noted whether goals were made in accordance with the rules and reported such to the referee. The official scorer kept a book containing the scoring and fouls made for each player and each team. The duties of the official scorer have basically remained the same through all the years.

One timekeeper was appointed by the home team. The visiting team could appoint an assistant timekeeper if it chose.

A timeout called while the ball was in play resulted in a jump ball when play was resumed. If the ball was out-of-bounds when a timeout was called, the team in possession of the ball kept possession.

Time stopped only when ordered by the referee. It did not stop for dead-ball situations such as free throws or when the ball was out-of-bounds.

The ball was a rubber bladder covered with a leather case with a circumference of 30 to 32 inches and a weight of 18 to 20 ounces.

Games were played in two 20-minute halves with a 10-minute rest time between the halves.

Although not yet known as defensive goaltending, if a player touched the ball or basket when the ball was on the edge of the rim, the referee awarded one point to the shooting team.

1906-07

The free-throw line was moved from 20 to 15 feet.

1907-08

Inspector was no longer a game official position.

1908-09

A dribbler became permitted to shoot. The dribble was defined as the "continuous passage of the ball," making the double dribble illegal.

A second official was added for games in an effort to curb the rough play.

Players were disqualified upon committing their fifth Class A or B foul.

1910-11

Within Class B fouls, personal fouls were distinguished from the other.

No coaching was allowed during the progress of the game by anybody connected with either team. A warning was given for the first violation and a free throw was awarded after that.

1913-14

The bottom of the net was left open.

1915-16

College, YMCA and AAU rules were made the same. Working together for the best interests of the organizations and for the welfare of the game, a new set of rules was adopted nationally for amateur basketball. This uniform set of rules was prepared by officially appointed representatives of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The maximum weight of the ball was established at 23 ounces after fluctuating from 20 to 23 during the past 10 years.

Players were disqualified upon committing their fourth personal foul.

Class A fouls were changed to violations, and Class B fouls became technical and personal fouls.

If a player was fouled in the act of shooting, his team was awarded two free throws regardless of whether the original field goal was made or missed. If it was made, those two points counted.

Defensive interference with the ball or basket while the ball was on the basket's rim resulted in one free-throw attempt for the shooting team.

All players shall be numbered with plain numbers at least 6 inches high and 1 inch wide fastened securely on the backs of their shirts.

1920-21

A player could re-enter the game once. Before this rule, if a player left the game, he could not re-enter for the rest of the game.

The backboards were moved 2 feet from the wall of the court. Before this rule, players could "climb" the padded wall to sink baskets.

1921-22

Running with the ball changed from a foul to a violation.

1922-23

Defensive interference with the ball or basket while the ball was on the basket's rim was declared a goal for the shooting team.

1923-24

The player fouled must shoot his own free throws. Before this rule, one person usually shot all his team's free throws.

1924-25

Time stopped when ordered by the referee for injuries, substitutions, two-shot fouls and timeouts requested by the team captain. The clock kept running at all other times including dead-ball situations, such as out-of-bounds.

Two timekeepers were used, one from each team, and shared a watch placed on a table so both could see it. The timekeepers kept track of all the incidents that time was out and added that to the game time. The timekeepers indicated when time expired by using a gong, pistol or whistle.

Only team captains could call for a timeout. Each team had three timeouts per game.

1925-26

Players of the same team shall not wear duplicate numbers.

1927-28

On uniforms, teams were urged not to use the numbers one or two.

1928-29

The charging foul by the dribbler was introduced.

1930-31

A held ball could be called when a closely guarded player was withholding the ball from play for five seconds. The result was a jump ball.

The maximum circumference of the ball was reduced from 32 to 31 inches, and the maximum weight from 23 to 22 ounces.

If a player was fouled in the act of shooting, his team was awarded two free throws if the original field goal was missed. If it was made, those two points counted and only one free throw was attempted.

1932-33

The 10-second center (division) line was introduced to reduce stalling.

No player could stand in the free-throw lane with the ball for more than three seconds.

Each player must be numbered on the front of his shirt as well as on the back. To quote the rules book: "It may seem needless, but it will save correspondence for the editor, to add here that the same number appear on front and back."

1933-34

A player could re-enter the game twice.

1934-35

The circumference of the ball again was reduced to between 29 1/2 and 30 1/4 inches.

1935-36

No offensive player could remain in the free-throw lane, with or without the ball, for more than three seconds.

After a made free throw, the team scored upon put the ball in play at the end of the court where the goal had been scored.

1937-38

The center jump after every goal scored was eliminated.

1938-39

The ball was thrown in from out-of-bounds at midcourt by the team shooting a free throw after a technical foul. Before this rule, the ball was put into play with a center jump after a technical-foul free throw.

The circumference of the ball was established as 29 1/2 to 30 inches.

1939-40

Teams had the choice of whether to take a free throw or take the ball out-of-bounds at midcourt. If two or more free throws were awarded, this option applied to the last throw.

The ball was described as an airtight rubber case covered with leather.

The backboards were moved from 2 to 4 feet from the end line to permit freer movement under the basket.

1940-41

Fan-shaped backboards were made legal.

1942-43

Any player who was eligible to start an overtime period was allowed an extra personal foul, increasing the total so disqualification was on the fifth foul.

1944-45

Along with the ball on the rim, defensive interference by touching the ball after it had started its downward flight during an opponent's field goal attempt was declared a goal for the shooting team.

Five personal fouls disqualify a player. An extra foul was not permitted in overtime games.

Unlimited substitution was introduced.

1946-47

Transparent backboards were authorized.

1947-48

The clock was stopped on every dead ball the last three minutes of the second half and of every overtime period. This included every time a goal was scored because the ball was considered dead until put into play again. (This rule was abolished in 1951.)

1948-49

Coaches were allowed to speak to players during a timeout.

1951-52

Games were played in four 10-minute quarters.

1952-53

Teams could no longer waive free throws in favor of taking the ball out-of-bounds.

The one-and-one free-throw rule was introduced, although the bonus was used only if the first shot was missed. The rule was in effect the entire game except the last three minutes, when every foul resulted in two free throws.

1954-55

The one-and-one free throw was changed so that the bonus shot was given only if the first shot was made.

Games were changed back to being played in two 20-minute halves.

1955-56

The free-throw lane was increased from 6 feet to 12 feet.

The two-shot penalty in the last three minutes of the game was eliminated. The one-and-one became in effect the entire game.

1956-57

On the lineup for a free throw, the two spaces adjacent to the end line were occupied by opponents of the free-thrower. In the past, one space was marked "H" for a home team player to occupy, and across the lane the first space was marked "V" for a visiting team player to stand in.

A free thrower may not have either foot beyond the vertical plane of the free throw line or the lane boundary. These restrictions apply until the ball touches the ring or backboard, or until the try ends.

Grasping the basket became classified as a technical foul under unsportsmanlike tactics.

1957-58

Offensive goaltending was banned so that no player from either team could touch the ball or basket when the ball was on the basket's rim or above the cylinder. The only exception was the shooter in the original act of shooting.

One free throw for each common foul was taken for the first six personal fouls by one team in each half, and the one-and-one was used thereafter.

On uniforms, the use of the single digit numbers one and two and any digit greater than five was prohibited.

A ball that passed over the backboard—either front to back or back to front—was considered out-of-bounds.

1959-60

The use of an orange ball of an approved shade is permitted. Before this, the only colors allowed were "a natural tan" color or yellow.

1962-63

A black and white striped garment is now recommended for the official scorer.

The wording is changed for timekeepers for indicating the end of periods from "by the Timers' gong, pistol or siren" to "by the Timers' signal."

1963-64

The clock is now stopped when any violation is called. This includes when the ball goes out-of-bounds. The rule prevents delaying tactics for the purpose of consuming playing time when the ball is out of play.

1964-65

Coaches had to remain seated on the bench except while the clock was stopped or to direct or encourage players on the court. This rule was to help keep coaches from inciting undesirable crowd reactions toward the officials.

1967-68

The dunk was made illegal during the game and pregame warm-up.

1970-71

During a jump ball, a nonjumper could not change his position from the time the official was ready to make the toss until after the ball had been touched.

1972-73

The free throw on the first six common fouls each half by a team was eliminated.

Players could not attempt to create the false impression that they had been fouled in charging/guarding situations or while screening when the contact was only incidental. An official could charge the "actor" with a technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct if, in the official's opinion, the actor was making a travesty of the game. (In 2002, this rule was deleted because of lack of use.)

Freshmen became eligible to play varsity basketball. This was the result of a change in the NCAA bylaws, not the basketball playing rules.

1973-74

Officials could now penalize players for fouls occurring away from the ball, such as grabbing, holding and setting illegal screens.

1974-75

During a jump ball, a nonjumper on the restraining circle could move around the circle after the ball had left the official's hands.

A player charged with a foul was no longer required to raise his hand. (In 1978, however, it was strongly recommended that a player start raising his hand again.)

1976-77

The dunk was made legal again.

1977-78

The option of a third official was allowed.

1980-81

Conferences began experimenting with the three-point field-goal at different distances.

1981-82

The jump ball was used only at the beginning of the game and the start of each overtime. An alternating arrow was used to indicate possession in jump-ball situations during the game.

All fouls charged to bench personnel were assessed to the head coach.

1982-83

When the closely guarded five-second count was reached, it was no longer a jump-ball situation. It was a violation, and the ball was awarded to the defensive team out-of-bounds.

1983-84

Two free throws were taken for each common foul committed within the last

two minutes of the second half and the entire overtime period, if the bonus rule was in effect. (This rule was rescinded one month into the season.)

1984-85

The coaching box was introduced, whereby a coach and all bench personnel had to remain in the 28-foot-long coaching box unless seeking information from the scorers' table.

1985-86

The 45-second clock was introduced. The team in control of the ball had to shoot for a goal within 45 seconds after it attained team control.

If a shooter was fouled intentionally and the shot was missed, the penalty was two shots and possession of the ball out-of-bounds to the team that was fouled.

The head coach could stand throughout the game, while all other bench personnel had to remain seated.

1986-87

The three-point field goal was introduced and set at 19 feet, 9 inches from the center of the basket.

A coach could leave the confines of the bench at any time without penalty to correct a scorer's or timer's mistake. A technical foul was assessed if there was no mistake. (This was changed the next year to a timeout.)

A television replay could be used to prevent or rectify a scorer's or timer's mistake or a malfunction of the clock.

1987-88

Each intentional personal foul carried a two-shot penalty plus possession of the ball.

1988-89

Any squad member who participated in a fight was ejected from the game and was placed on probation. If that player participated in a second fight during the season, he was suspended for one game. A third fight involving the same person resulted in suspension for the rest of the season including championship competition.

1990-91

Beginning with the team's 10th personal foul in a half, two free throws were awarded for each common foul, except player-control fouls.

Three free throws were awarded when a shooter was fouled during an unsuccessful three-point try.

The fighting rule was amended. The first time any squad member or bench personnel participated in a fight, he was suspended for the team's next game. If that same person participated in a second fight, he was suspended for the rest of the season, including championship competition.

1991-92

Contact technical fouls counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

The shot clock was reset when the ball struck the basket ring, not when a shot left the shooter's hands as it had been since the rule was introduced in 1986.

1992-93

Unsporting technical fouls, in addition to contact technical fouls, counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

1993-94

The shot clock was reduced from 45 seconds to 35. The team in control of the ball had to shoot for a goal within 35 seconds after it attained team control.

A foul was ruled intentional if, while playing the ball, a player caused excessive contact with an opponent.

The game clock was stopped after successful field goals in the last minute of the game and the last minute of any overtime period with no substitution allowed.

The five-second dribbling violation when closely guarded was eliminated.

The rule concerning the use of profanity was expanded to include abusive and obscene language in an effort to curtail verbal misconduct by players and coaches.

1994-95

The inner circle at midcourt was eliminated.

Scoring was restricted to a tap-in when three-tenths (.3) of a second or less remained on the game clock or shot clock.

The fighting and suspension rules were expanded to include coaches and team personnel.

1995-96

All unsporting technical fouls charged to anyone on the bench counted toward the team foul total.

Teams were allowed one 20-second timeout per half. This was an experimental rule in the 1994-95 season.

1996-97

Teams had to warm up and shoot at the end of the court farthest from their own bench for the first half. Previously, teams had the choice of baskets in the first half.

In games not involving commercial electronic media, teams were entitled to four full-length timeouts and two 20-second timeouts per game. In games involving commercial electronic media, teams were entitled to two full-length timeouts and three 20-second timeouts per game.

1997-98

The five-second dribbling violation when closely guarded was reinstated.

Timeout requests could be made by a player on the court or by the head coach.

1998-99

In a held-ball situation initiated by the defense, the ball would be awarded to the defensive team. Previously, possession was awarded by the direction of the possession arrow.

1999-2000

Held-ball change from previous season rescinded.

Twenty-second timeouts increased to 30 seconds in length. New electronic-media timeout format adopted.

Uniform numbers one and two were permitted.

During the season, the rules committee made a rule that required the official to look at the courtside monitor to determine if a potential game-winning shot in the last second of the game or overtime would count.

2000-01

Technical fouls were divided into direct (two-shot penalty) and indirect (one-shot penalty) with the ball returned to the point of interruption.

Number of players permitted on free-throw lane reduced from eight to six.

2001-02

Both direct and indirect technical fouls were penalized by two shots and returned to the point of interruption.

Officials could check an official courtside monitor to determine if a try was a three- or two-point attempt, regardless of whether the try was successful.

2002-03

Composite ball could be used without mutual consent of coaches.

Two free-throw lane spaces closest to the free-thrower would remain unoccupied.

No free throws were awarded to the offended team in bonus for personal fouls committed by a team while in team control or in possession of the ball during a throw-in (team-control foul).

For Division I, shot clocks had to be mounted and recessed on the backboard, red warning light had to be added and game clock had to show a tenth-of-a-second display.

2003-04

Officials could consult a courtside monitor at the end of either half or any extra period to determine: (1) if a field-goal try beat the horn; (2) whether a shot-clock violation at the end of the first half beat the horn; or (3) whether a shot-clock violation that would determine the outcome of a game beat the horn. The officials also could use a courtside monitor to correct a timer's mistake or to determine if the game clock or shot clock expired at or near the end of a period.

A team would have control when a player of that team had disposal of the ball for a throw-in.

For Division II, shot clocks were recessed and mounted.

2005-06

Expanding on the rule from two seasons before, officials who consult a courtside monitor at the end of either half or any extra period could correct the official game time if needed and/or determine whether a foul was committed before time expired. Officials could also consult a courtside monitor any time during the game to correct a timer's mistake.

The time allowed to replace a disqualified player was reduced from 30 to 20 seconds, and the warning signal was sounded five seconds before the expiration of the time limit.

Violations when the ball had been intentionally kicked no longer resulted in the reset of the shot clock to 35 seconds. When the violation occurred with 15 or fewer seconds remaining, the shot clock was reset to 15 seconds. Otherwise, when the violation occurred with more than 15 seconds remaining, there was no reset of the shot clock.

2006-07

A timeout would not be recognized when an airborne player's momentum carried him either out-of-bounds or into the backcourt.

2007-08

During free throws, the first lane space nearest the basket on each side of the lane was eliminated and the second, third and fourth lane space on each side were used as an alignment for free throws.

Use of a courtside monitor was allowed for determining whether a flagrant foul occurred or to assess the situation during a fight.

2008-09

The three-point line was extended to 20 feet, 9 inches.

When the entire ball is above the level of the ring during a field-goal try and contacts the backboard, it is considered to be on its downward flight. In such a case, it is goaltending when that ball is touched by a player.

2009-10

Division II and III institutions are required to have a game clock with a tenth-of-a-second display, a red light or LED lights, and shot clocks mounted on the backboard.

Expanding on the rule from two seasons before, when an official uses a courtside monitor to determine whether a flagrant foul occurred, if it is determined that a flagrant foul did not occur but an intentional personal foul or a contact technical foul did occur, those fouls shall be penalized accordingly. However, no other infractions may be penalized.

The new "contact technical foul" occurs when the ball is dead and involves contact that is unnecessary, unacceptable and excessive.

When a player is injured and is unable to attempt his free throw(s), the coach from the opposing team shall select one of the four remaining players on the court to attempt the free throw(s). When the foul is intentional or flagrant, the injured player's coach shall select any player or team member to shoot the free throw(s).

In a charging/blocking foul situation, a blocking foul will automatically be called on the secondary defender if the defender is positioned under the basket.

2010-11

Along with the common foul or flagrant foul of the past, officials now had a third option of calling an intentional foul when contact was made by swinging elbows.

2011-12

A three-foot arc was added to the court to help referees determine automatic block fouls of secondary defenders standing within the arc during a charging/blocking foul situation.

2012-13

The intentional foul was eliminated and replaced with "Flagrant 1." Flagrant 1 will carry a penalty of two shots and the ball; Flagrant 2 will be two shots, the ball and ejection of the offender.

Flagrant 2 fouls added to the list of items that a head coach may request to be reviewed. If the review does not indicate that a flagrant foul occurred, the head coach shall be charged with a timeout.

2013-14

In the last two minutes of the game, officials are permitted to review whether a shot clock violation occurred (including if the shot left the shooter's hand prior to the sounding of the shot clock horn) or to determine who caused the ball to go out of bounds when there is a deflection involving two or more players.

Officials are permitted to use the monitor to determine on whom a foul is to be charged when there is uncertainty.

To draw a charge, a defender must establish legal guarding position before the airborne shooter begins his upward motion to shoot or pass.

2014-15

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2015-16

The shot clock was reduced from 35 seconds to 30.

Expansion of the restricted-area arc from 3 feet to 4 feet.

- Allowing officials to use the monitor to review a potential shot clock violation on made field goals throughout the entire game.

- Making Class B technical fouls (hanging on the rim and delaying the resumption of play, for example) one-shot technical fouls. Previously, two shots were granted for these types of technical fouls.

- Eliminating the five-second closely guarded rule while dribbling the ball.

- Removing the prohibition on dunking in pregame warmups and at halftime.

Adjusting the media timeout procedures to allow a timeout called within 30 seconds of a break (at the 16:30 mark) or at any time after the scheduled media timeout becomes the media timeout.

- Removing the ability for a coach to call timeout when the ball is live.

- Allowing a total of only 10 seconds to advance the ball to the front court (with a few exceptions).

- Reducing the amount of time allotted to replace a disqualified player from 20 to 15 seconds.

2016-17

Where possible, clear a 3-foot wide lane on both sides at the base of the basket stanchion.

- No longer permit offense to score on a player control foul (e.g., airborne shooter).

- Issue one team warning for the first time a team delays the game by failing to resume play immediately following the second warning horn indicating the end of a timeout or when a disqualified or injured player must be replaced.

- Restrict a secondary defender who has established legal guarding position from moving sideways to maintain legal guarding position on an airborne shooter/passers.

- Make an exception to the guarding rule to allow a defender to be moving forward while airborne as long as he is moving in a direction in which he clearly will not make contact with the shooter.

- Coaches can call timeouts after made baskets

2017-18

To prohibit commercial advertising inside the 6-foot restraining area at each end line.

To extend the coaching box from 28' to 38' toward the division line.

To permit LED lights at the scorer's table which are synchronized with the LED lights on the backboards and game clocks.

To permit words within the 15 percent tonal shift of the neutral zone(s) on the jersey. The institutional name, mascot, nicknames, logos, marks, and names intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other worthy causes are permitted. Commercial names, logos, marks, and slogans are prohibited.

To change "American" flag to the national flag of the NCAA member institution.

To prohibit logos of professional sports entities from appearing on any player's equipment and/or on items of apparel.

When a foul is committed by the defense and the ball is to be inbounded in the front court, the shot clock shall be reset to 20 seconds, or the time remaining on the shot clock, whichever is greater.

To reset the shot clock to 20 seconds, or the time remaining on the shot clock (whichever is greater), when the ball is intentionally kicked or fisted by the defense and the ball is to be inbounded in the front court.

To permit a replaced player to re-enter the game when the opponents have committed a violation or foul before the game clock has been properly started.

To allow only the injured player's substitute to shoot free throws when the injured player is unable to do so as the result of a flagrant foul or the player is bleeding from the injury.

To delete "interrupted dribble" and other deflections from the team control definition, which would result in fouls committed during these types of loose balls to be considered as common fouls and not as team control fouls.

To amend the current rule requiring warnings for delay penalties prior to assessing a technical foul. When a second delay is different from the first, a technical foul will be assessed for any further delay(s). When a team is warned for the same delay a second time, a technical foul will be assessed per the present Rule 4-10.2.

To add a requirement that the screener must be inbounds while setting a screen.

To amend the definition of a legal screener by requiring that the inside of the screener's feet be no wider than the screener's shoulder width.

To clarify that a forfeit pertains only to one team and that in interrupted game situations, if the institutions and/or conferences cannot agree on a solution to determine the winner, the rules committee shall make the determination.

To amend the rule so that no less than .3 seconds must expire on the game clock when the ball is legally touched inbounds and the official immediately signals to stop the clock.

To amend the current media timeout rule to require the timeout to occur "at or under the media mark" times rather than just "under the media mark times."

To designate consistent throw in spots for all fouls and violations by the defense in the front court. Those spots shall be either the 28' mark or the end line 3' outside the lane line depending on where the foul or violation occurred. All deflections shall be put in play at the point where the ball went out of bounds.

To allow an official to move a defender away from the boundary line when there is insufficient space for a throw-in.

To permit either an offensive or defensive player to be the first to touch the ball in the backcourt when it has been deflected by the defense into the backcourt regardless of who was the last team to touch the ball before it went into the backcourt.

To amend the rule for failing to have all mandatory court markings to be an administrative technical foul (one free throw).

To eliminate the requirement that officials enforce penalties for wearing an illegal uniform and place the responsibility with the violating team's conference. The officials will still have the responsibility for prohibiting equipment and apparel that the official deems dangerous to other players (per rule 1-26) as well as the responsibility to enforce contrasting uniform color and number rules.

To increase the penalty from one to two free throws for having more than five players on the court or for an excessive timeout.

To clarify that a player dunking the ball may hold on to the rim when potential for injury exists even though the player might commit another violation (e.g., goaltending) while holding the rim.

During the last two minutes of the second period and the last two minutes of all overtimes, to permit the game clock to be reset to the time of the actual shot-clock violation instead of when the official signaled that the violation occurred.

To permit instant replay reviews on certain Restricted Area Arc plays in the last two minutes of the second period and the last two minutes of all overtimes.

To permit instant replay review to determine if a foul occurred prior to a shot-clock violation.

2018-19

To permit elbow, hand, finger, wrist or forearm guards, casts or braces made of fiberglass, plaster, metal or other non-pliable substance to be used by players during competition as long as the protective device is completely covered with not less than 1/2-inch thickness of slowrebounding foam.

To adjust the current delay of game rules by delineating the types of delays of game caused by a coach and delays of game caused by a player.

Article 2: Coach delays:

- Failure to have the court ready for play after the final horn to end any timeout (currently Rule 4-10.1.e).
- Delaying the game by failing to resume play immediately following the second warning horn indicating the end of the timeout or when a disqualified/ejected or injured player must be replaced (currently Rule 4-10.1.g).

Article 3: Player delays:

- Repeatedly delaying the game by preventing the ball from being promptly put into play, such as delaying the administration of a throw-in or free throw by engaging in a team huddle anywhere on the playing court (currently Rule 4-10.1.d).
- Attempting to gain an advantage by interfering with the ball after a goal or by failing to immediately pass the ball to the nearest official after a whistle is blown (currently Rule 4-10.1.f).

Article 4: One team warning shall be given to either the head coach or a player for a delay assessed to the coach or a player for a delay per

Article 2 or 3 above. Each warning shall be reported to the official scorer and recorded in the scorebook. Thereafter, when a coach has been warned for any delay per Article 2 above, and the coach commits another delay violation under Article 2, the coach shall be assessed a technical foul. When any player on the team which has committed a previous player delay commits another delay violation per Article 3 above, a technical foul shall be assessed.

2019-20

Increase the distance of the three-point line from 20' 9" to 22' 1 and 3/4" at the top of the key and 21' 7 and 7/8" in the corners (same as the distance for international basketball). The effective date for Division I is 2019-20 and the effective date for Divisions II and III is 2020-21.

To prohibit cameras from being located behind the backboard within the white square painted on the backboard.

To permit identifying names above the number to be arched, but the first and last letters must be on the same horizontal plane. Such plane shall not be below a plane extending through the top of the number(s) and names below the number must have the first and last letter on the same horizontal plane. Such plane shall not be above a plane extending through the bottom of the number.

To require that leg tights must be two legged and of equal length.

Prohibit the wearing of a microphone or any equipment which enables voice transmission from a player to an offcourt receiver.

To change the officiating shirt to include a raglan style shoulder.

Reset the shot-clock to 20 seconds after an offensive team rebound that does not go into the backcourt before team control is gained by the offensive team.

Permit a head coach to request and be granted a timeout when a player of that team has control of the ball in the last two minutes of the second period or the last two minutes of any overtime period.

Add "When there is a monitor review at 30 seconds or less before a media mark (other than for determining if a basket was a two- or three-point try), it becomes a media timeout."

To change the provisions of 7-4.6.a to be effective only until the throw-in ends. Also, to include technical fouls in

To change the throw-in spot for single contact dead ball technical or single flagrant 2 technical from the division line to the closest of four spots per Rule 7-3.2.

Add monitor reviews to the list of exceptions where bands or artificial noise-makers are permissible.

Add to the Class A technical foul category a player, substitute or bench personnel using derogatory remarks or personal comments relating to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability during the game.

To penalize flopping/faking being fouled by players with a Class B technical (after one team warning).

To permit a conference to conduct collaborative instant replay review process at an offsite location during conference play.

To permit instant replay to determine when an off-ball foul occurs in relation to a shot.

Following a call by an official involving either swinging of the elbows (cylinder play) or a hook and hold play, the official may use instant replay to review and adjudicate the play by removing fouls, assessing fouls or concluding that no foul occurred. In the last two minutes of the second period or the last two minutes of any overtime period, allow the use of instant replay to review basket interference and goaltending when a call has been made. After such review, in the event of an officiating error, the alternating possession arrow shall be used to determine possession.

11.3.1.a: To delete the phrase "and when necessary to determine the outcome of the game" from the current rule.

To add an officials' signal for a defensive player in the restricted-area arc who is moving from position A to position B when attempting to "wall up."

2020-21

To amend Rule 2-11.6 by providing that the shot clock shall be reset to 20 seconds or the time remaining as set forth in subsections c. and d. of this rule when the offensive team retains or gains possession of the ball for a throw-in in the front court. Exception: When no reset is required per Rule 2-11.6.a or there is a change of team possession in the backcourt and the ball remains live. To accomplish this objective, the change would further require that Rule 2-11.6.b.8 only be applicable when the alternating possession arrow favors the defense. If the arrow favors the offense, there would be a 20-second reset under Rule 2-11.6.c.

To clarify that Rule 11-2.1.b.4 (instant replay rule) takes precedence over Rule 6-5.1.d (dead ball rule) when determining if the ball was released on a try for goal before the sounding of the shot-clock horn when the shot is successful.

2021-22

To permit but not require tenths of a second to be displayed on the shot clock.

To permit long-sleeved undershirts or compression shirts under the jersey. A long-sleeved undershirt/compression shirt may have one manufacturers logo meeting the size restriction of Rule 1-25.2.

To establish the sounding of the horn 20 seconds before the expiration of time to replace a disqualified player or an injured player.

To establish that when the ball goes out of bounds during jump balls where possession is not initially obtained that the shot clock will be set to 20 seconds when the throw in is in the front court and 30 seconds if it is in the back court.

To permit official's discretion in determining basket interference when a player touches the net.

To establish when double fouls or simultaneous fouls occur, there shall be no free throws awarded when the penalty for each foul is equal.

To permit officials to penalize failure to supply the names of the five starting players before the ten-minute mark prior to the game until the end of the first half.

To permit the transmission of live statistical data to the bench area for coaching purposes and to allow conferences to experiment with preloaded and live video on the bench during conference games and tournaments.

To permit officials to use Instant Replay to determine which team caused the ball to be out of bounds but only when a call has been made in the last two minutes of the game.

Following a monitor review for basket interference or goaltending, the game clock shall be reset to the time the violation actually occurred in cases when the official's call was correct. When the Instant Replay review indicates no violation has occurred, the game clock shall be reset to the time when the official thought the violation occurred.

2022-23

To remove the required initial warning and assess a Class B technical foul when a player commits a flop.

2023-24

To permit, but not require, amber lights on the shot clock and an amber strip at the top of the backboard only to signal the end of a shot-clock period.

To permit additional uniform options, including identifying names of the institution, allowing more space for logos on the jersey front, allowing numbers 0 or 00 through 99, and permitting religious headwear to be worn without a waiver of the playing rule provided it is safe for competition.

To establish that anytime the ball hits the rim (a pass, deflection or a shot) and the offense retains possession in its frontcourt, the shot clock will reset to 20 seconds. Anytime the ball hits the rim and the offense retains possession in its backcourt, the shot clock will reset to 30 seconds.

To establish legal guarding position on an airborne player with the ball, the defender must establish legal guarding position before the opponent places the last foot on the floor (i.e., plant foot) prior to becoming airborne.

To require when a coach requests an out of bounds play to be reviewed under two minutes in the second period and in the last two minutes of any extra period that team will be charged a timeout if the original call is not overturned.

To allow a timeout to be granted when a player has possession of the ball even though the player is airborne.

To establish that if a player commits three Flagrant 1 fouls in a game, the player would be disqualified.

To permit, but not require, the transmission of live video to the bench area for coaching purposes.

To permit all non-student bench personnel to leave the bench area to assist in preventing a potential fight/altercation.

To allow officials the opportunity to review goaltending/basket interference calls during the next media timeout to ensure the call was accurate so long as the official makes the goaltending/basket interference call on the floor. If there is a foul on the shooter while the ball is in the air with a goaltend/basket interference, the review will be immediate to properly adjudicate the potential free throws. *(Note: Under four minutes remaining in the second period and the entire overtime period(s), these reviews will be conducted immediately.)*

To establish that if a player is called for a foul, and upon Instant Replay the officials see that the foul is a direct result of a Flagrant 1 or Flagrant 2 foul committed against the player who was originally assessed a foul, officials may remove the original foul on the player who was flagrantly fouled.

2024-25

To amend the current article as follows: "Disrespectfully contacts an official or makes a threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, spitting, or attempting to make physical contact with an official." The penalty for physically abusing an official is ejection from the contest and a one-game suspension.

To provide officials the opportunity to review whether the player's last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zero) in either half or any overtime period.

RULES HISTORY BY SUBJECT

BALL

1905-06

The ball was a rubber bladder covered with a leather case with a circumference of 30 to 32 inches and a weight of 18 to 20 ounces.

1915-16

The maximum weight of the ball was established at 23 ounces after fluctuating from 20 to 23 during the past 10 years.

1930-31

The maximum circumference of the ball was reduced from 32 to 31 inches and the maximum weight from 23 to 22 ounces.

1934-35

The circumference of the ball again was reduced to between 29 1/2 and 30 1/4 inches.

1938-39

The circumference of the ball was established as 29 1/2 to 30 inches.

1939-40

The ball was described as an airtight rubber case covered with leather.

1959-60

The use of an orange ball of an approved shade is permitted. Before this the only colors allowed were "a natural tan" color or yellow.

2002-03

Mutual consent no longer needed for composite ball to be legal.

BASKET EQUIPMENT

1896-97

Backboards were installed.

1913-14

The bottom of the net was left open.

1920-21

The backboards were moved 2 feet from the wall of the court. Before this rule, players could "climb" the padded wall to sink baskets.

1939-40

The backboards were moved from 2 to 4 feet from the end line to permit freer movement under the basket.

1940-41

Fan-shaped backboards were made legal.

1946-47

Transparent backboards were authorized.

1957-58

A ball that passed over the backboard—either front to back or back to front—was considered out-of-bounds.

1986-87

Shot clock added to both ends of the court.

1996-97

Teams had to warm up and shoot at the end of the court farthest from their own bench for the first half. Previously, teams had the choice of baskets in the first half.

2002-03

For Division I, shot clocks had to be mounted and recessed on the backboard, a red warning light had to be added and game clock had to show a tenth-of-a-second display

2003-04

For Division II, shot clocks were recessed and mounted

2009-10

Division II and III institutions are required to have a game clock with a tenth-of-a-second display, a red light or LED lights, and shot clocks mounted on the backboard.

2023-24

To permit, but not require, amber lights on the shot clock and an amber strip at the top of the backboard only to signal the end of a shot-clock period.

CHARGE/BLOCK

1928-29

The charging foul by the dribbler was introduced.

1972-73

Players could not attempt to create the false impression that they had been fouled in charging/guarding situations or while screening when the contact was only incidental. An official could charge the "actor" with a technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct if in the official's opinion the actor was making a travesty of the game. (In 2002 this rule was deleted because of lack of use.)

2009-10

In a charging/blocking foul situation, a blocking foul will automatically be called on the secondary defender if the defender is positioned under the basket.

2011-12

A three-foot arc was added to the court to help referees determine automatic block fouls of secondary defenders standing within the arc during a charging/blocking foul situation

2013-14

A defender must establish legal guarding position before the airborne shooter begins his upward motion to shoot or pass.

2015-16

Restrict a secondary defender who has established legal guarding position from moving sideways to maintain legal guarding position on an airborne shooter/passer.

Make an exception to the guarding rule to allow a defender to be moving forward while airborne as long as he is moving in a direction in which he clearly will not make contact with the shooter.

2019-20

To penalize flopping/faking being fouled by players with a Class B technical (after one team warning).

2022-23

To remove the required initial warning and assess a Class B technical foul when a player commits a flop.

2023-24

To establish legal guarding position on an airborne player with the ball, the defender must establish legal guarding position before the opponent places the last foot on the floor (i.e., plant foot) prior to becoming airborne.

CLOCK STOPPAGE

1905-06

Time stopped only when ordered by the referee. It did not stop for dead-ball situations such as free throws or when the ball was out-of-bounds.

1924-25

Time stopped when ordered by the referee for injuries, substitutions, two-shot fouls and timeouts requested by the team captain. The clock kept running at all other times including dead-ball situations, such as out-of-bounds.

1947-48

The clock was stopped on every dead ball the last three minutes of the second half and of every extra period. This includes every time a goal was scored because the ball was considered dead until put into play again. (This rule was abolished in 1951.)

1963-64

The clock is now stopped when any violation is called. This includes when the ball goes out-of-bounds. The rule prevents delaying tactics for the purpose of consuming playing time when the ball was out of play.

1993-94

The game clock was stopped after successful field goals in the last minute of the game and the last minute of any overtime period with no substitution allowed.

CLOSELY GUARDED

1982-83

When the closely guarded five-second count was reached, it was no longer a jump-ball situation. It was a violation, and the ball was awarded to the defensive team out-of-bounds.

1993-94

The five-second dribbling violation when closely guarded was eliminated.

1997-98

The five-second dribbling violation when closely guarded was reinstated.

2015-16

Eliminating the five-second closely guarded rule while dribbling the ball.

COACHING

1910-11

No coaching was allowed during the progress of the game by anybody connected with either team. A warning was given for the first violation and a free throw was awarded after that.

1948-49

Coaches were allowed to speak to players during a timeout.

1964-65

Coaches had to remain seated on the bench except while the clock was stopped or to direct or encourage players on the court. This rule was to help keep coaches from inciting undesirable crowd reactions toward the officials.

1984-85

The coaching box was introduced whereby a coach and all bench personnel

had to remain in the 28-foot-long coaching box unless seeking information from the scorers' table.

1985-86

The head coach could stand throughout the game while all other bench personnel had to remain seated.

1986-87

A coach could leave the confines of the bench at any time without penalty to correct a scorer's or timer's mistake. A technical foul was assessed if there was no mistake. (This penalty was changed the next year to a timeout.)

1994-95

The fighting and suspension rules were expanded to include coaches and team personnel.

1995-96

All unsporting technical fouls charged to anyone on the bench counted toward the team foul total.

2017-18

To extend the coaching box from 28' to 38' toward the division line.

DRIBBLING

1891-92

A player cannot run with the ball. The player must throw it from the spot on which he catches it, allowance to be made for a man who catches the ball when running at a good speed. The ball may be batted in any direction with one or both hands (never with the fist).

1900-01

A dribbler could not shoot for a field goal and could dribble only once and then with two hands.

1905-06

Personal fouls were separated into two classes

"A" for general fouls and "B" for more flagrant fouls. Shooting after dribbling became a Class A foul which later became known as a violation.

1908-09

A dribbler became permitted to shoot. The dribble was defined as the "continuous passage of the ball," making the double dribble illegal.

1928-29

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DUNKING

1967-68

The dunk was made illegal during the game and pregame warm-up.

1976-77

The dunk was made legal again.

2015-16

Removing the prohibition on dunking in pregame warmups and at halftime.

2017-18

To clarify that a player dunking the ball may hold on to the rim when potential for injury exists even though the player might commit another violation (e.g., goaltending) while holding the rim.

FIELD GOALS

1891-92

A goal shall be made when the ball is thrown or batted from the grounds into the basket and stays there providing those defending the goal do not touch or disturb the goal. If the ball rests on the edge and the opponent moves the basket it shall count as a goal.

1895-96

A field goal changes from three to two points and free throws from three points to one point.

1905-06

If a player was fouled during the act of shooting his team was automatically awarded one point and one free-throw attempt. If the original shot from the field for goal was good, it counted along with the awarded extra point and free-throw attempt.

1915-16

If a player was fouled in the act of shooting, his team was awarded two free throws regardless of whether the original field goal was made or missed. If it was made, those two points counted.

1930-31

If a player was fouled in the act of shooting, his team was awarded two free throws if the original field goal was missed. If it was made, those two points counted and only one free throw was attempted.

FIGHTING

1988-89

Any squad member who participated in a fight was ejected from the game and placed on probation. If that individual participated in a second fight during the season, he was suspended for one game. A third fight involving the same person resulted in suspension for the rest of the season including championship competition.

1990-91

The fighting rule was amended. The first time any squad member or bench personnel participated in a fight he was suspended for the team's next game. If that same person participated in a second fight, he was suspended for the rest of the season including championship competition.

1994-95

The fighting and suspension rules were expanded to include coaches and team personnel.

2023-24

To permit all non-student bench personnel to leave the bench area to assist in preventing a potential fight/altercation.

FOULS

1891-92

No shouldering, holding, pushing, tripping or striking in any way the person of an opponent shall be allowed. The first infringement of this rule by any player shall count as a foul, the second shall disqualify him until the next goal is made or if there was evident intent to injure the person for the whole of the

game, no substitute allowed. A foul is striking at the ball with the fist. If either side makes three consecutive fouls, it shall count a goal for the opponents (consecutive means without the opponents in the meantime making a foul).

1905-06

Personal fouls were separated into two classes.

"A" for general fouls and "B" for more flagrant fouls. Class A fouls were called for delay of game, tackling the ball (touching the ball when a teammate was already touching it), kicking the ball, striking the ball, advancing the ball, hugging the ball, shooting after dribbling, tackling the opponent, holding the opponent, pushing the opponent or addressing the game officials. Class B fouls could lead to possible game disqualification and were called for striking the opponent, kicking the opponent, shouldering the opponent, tripping the opponent, hacking the opponent, unnecessary roughness, or using profane or abusive language. If two Class B fouls were committed by one player, he was disqualified for the rest of the game.

1910-11

Within Class B fouls, personal fouls were distinguished from the other.

1915-16

Class A fouls were changed to violations, and Class B fouls became technical and personal fouls.

1981-82

All fouls charged to bench personnel were assessed to the head coach.

2010-11

Along with the common foul or flagrant foul of the past, officials now had a third option of calling an intentional foul when contact was made by swinging elbows.

2012-13

The intentional foul was eliminated and replaced with "Flagrant 1." Flagrant 1 will carry a penalty of two shots and the ball; Flagrant 2 will be two shots the ball and ejection of the offender. Flagrant 2 fouls added to the list of items that a head coach may request to be reviewed. If the review does not indicate that a flagrant foul occurred, the head coach shall be charged with a timeout.

(For more on Fouls, please see Field Goals, Fouling Out, Rough Play and Technical Fouls.)

2015-16

During the use of a video review to see if a possible flagrant foul occurred, the panel approved a rule that would allow officials to penalize players who fake fouls. The NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee felt that players trying to draw fouls by deception is a growing issue.

2017-18

To permit instant replay review to determine if a foul occurred prior to a shot-clock violation.

2023-24

To establish that if a player is called for a foul, and upon Instant Replay the officials see that the foul is a direct result of a Flagrant 1 or Flagrant 2 foul committed against the player who was originally assessed a foul, officials may remove the original foul on the player who was flagrantly fouled.

FOULING OUT

1905-06

Players were disqualified upon committing their second Class "B" foul (as described in the preceding "Fouls" section).

1908-09

Players were disqualified upon committing their fifth Class A or B foul.

1915-16

Players were disqualified upon committing their fourth personal foul.

1942-43

Any player who was eligible to start an extra period was allowed an extra personal foul increasing the total so disqualification was on the fifth foul.

1944-45

Five personal fouls disqualify a player. An extra foul was not permitted in overtime games.

1991-92

Contact technical fouls counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

2023-24

To establish that if a player commits three Flagrant 1 fouls in a game, the player would be disqualified.

FREE THROWS

1894-95

The free-throw line was set at 20 feet.

1895-96

A field goal changes from three to two points and free throws from three points to one point.

1905-06

If a player was fouled during the act of shooting his team was automatically awarded one point and one free-throw attempt. If the original shot from the field for goal was good it counted along with the awarded extra point and free-throw attempt.

1906-07

The free-throw line was moved from 20 to 15 feet.

1915-16

If a player was fouled in the act of shooting, his team was awarded two free throws regardless of whether the original field goal was made or missed. If it was made, those two points counted.

1923-24

The player fouled must shoot his own free throws. Before this rule, one person usually shot all his team's free throws.

1930-31

If a player was fouled in the act of shooting, his team was awarded two free throws if the original field goal was missed. If it was made, those two points counted and only one free throw was attempted.

1935-36

After a made free throw, the team scored upon would put the ball in play at the end of the court where the goal had been scored.

1939-40

Teams had the choice of whether to take a free throw or take the ball out-of-bounds at midcourt. If two or more free throws were awarded, this option applied to the last throw.

1952-53

Teams could no longer waive free throws in favor of taking the ball out-of-bounds.

1952-53

The one-and-one free-throw rule was introduced, although the bonus was used only if the first shot was missed. The rule was in effect the entire game except the last three minutes, when every foul was two shots.

1954-55

The one-and-one free throw was changed so that the bonus shot was given only if the first shot was made.

1955-56

The two-shot penalty in the last three minutes of the game was eliminated. The one-and-one became in effect the entire game.

1955-56

The free-throw lane was increased from 6 feet to 12 feet.

1956-57

On the lineup for a free throw, the two spaces adjacent to the end line were occupied by opponents of the free thrower. In the past, one space was marked "H" for a home team player to occupy and across the lane the first space was marked "V" for a visiting team player to stand in.

1956-57

A free thrower may not have either foot beyond the vertical plane of the free throw line or the lane boundary. These restrictions apply until the ball touches the ring or backboard or until the try ends.

1957-58

One free throw for each common foul was taken for the first six personal fouls by one team in each half and the one-and-one was used thereafter.

1972-73

The free throw on the first six common fouls each half by a team was eliminated.

1983-84

Two free throws were taken for each common foul committed within the last two minutes of the second half and the entire overtime period if the bonus rule was in effect. (This rule was rescinded one month into the season.)

1985-86

If a shooter was fouled intentionally and the shot was missed, the penalty was two shots and possession of the ball out-of-bounds to the team that was fouled.

1987-88

Each intentional personal foul carried a two-shot penalty plus possession of the ball.

1990-91

Beginning with the team's 10th personal foul in a half, two free throws were awarded for each common foul except player-control fouls.

1990-91

Three free throws were awarded when a shooter was fouled during an unsuccessful three-point try.

1991-92

Contact technical fouls counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

1992-93

Unsporting technical fouls, in addition to contact technical fouls, counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

1995-96

All unsporting technical fouls charged to anyone on the bench counted toward the team foul total.

2000-01

Number of players permitted on free-throw lane reduced from eight to six. 2002-03

Two free-throw lane spaces closest to the free-thrower would remain unoccupied.

2002-03

No free throws were awarded to the offended team in bonus for personal fouls committed by a team while in team control or in possession of the ball during a throw-in (team-control foul).

2007-08

During free throws, the first lane space nearest the basket on each side of the lane was eliminated and the second, third and fourth lane spaces on each side were used as an alignment for free throws.

2009-10

When a player is injured and is unable to attempt his free throw(s), the coach from the opposing team shall select one of the four remaining players on the court to attempt the free throw(s). When the foul is intentional or flagrant, the injured player's coach shall select any player or team member to shoot the free throw(s).

2017-18

When a player is injured and is unable to attempt his free throw(s), the coach from the opposing team shall select one of the four remaining players on the court to attempt the free throw(s). When the foul is intentional or flagrant, the injured player's coach shall select any player or team member to shoot the free throw(s).

FRESHMEN

1972-73

Freshmen became eligible to play varsity basketball. This was the result of a change in the NCAA bylaws, not the basketball playing rules.

GAME OFFICIALS

1891-92

The umpire shall be judge of the men and shall note the fouls and notify the referee when three consecutive fouls have been made. He shall have power to disqualify men according to rule on fouls. The referee shall be judge of the ball and shall decide when the ball is in play, in bounds, and to which side it belongs, and shall keep the time. He shall decide when a goal had been made and keep account of the goals with any other duties that are usually performed by a referee.

1905-06

Each game had one referee one umpire and two inspectors. The referee was the superior officer of the game and had supreme authority once the game began until it concluded. The referee's main duties were calling fouls and stopping play. The umpire could call fouls and reported to the referee. Inspectors were the referee's assistants and were stationed one at each end of the court. Inspectors had no power to make decisions but noted whether goals were made in accordance with the rules and reported such to the referee. The official scorer kept a book containing the scoring and fouls made for each player and each team. The duties of the official scorer have basically remained the same through all the years. One timekeeper was appointed by the home team. The visiting team could appoint an assistant timekeeper if it chose.

1907-08

Inspector was no longer a game official position.

1908-09

A second official was added for games in an effort to curb the rough play.

1924-25

Two timekeepers were used one from each team and shared a watch placed on a table so both could see it. The timekeepers kept track of all the incidents

that time was out and added that to the game time. The timekeepers indicated when time expired by using a gong, pistol or whistle.

1962-63

A black and white striped garment is now recommended for the official scorer.

1962-63

The wording is changed for timekeepers for indicating the end of periods from "by the Timers' gong, pistol or siren" to "by the Timers' signal."

1977-78

The option of a third official was allowed.

1986-87

Shot clock operator added.

GOALTENDING/BASKET INTERFERENCE

1905-06

Although not yet known as defensive goaltending, if a player touched the ball or basket when the ball was on the edge of the rim, the referee awarded one point to the shooting team.

1915-16

Defensive interference with the ball or basket while the ball was on the basket's rim resulted in one free-throw attempt for the shooting team.

1922-23

Defensive interference with the ball or basket while the ball was on the basket's rim was declared a goal for the shooting team.

1944-45

Along with the ball on the rim, defensive interference by touching the ball after it had started its downward flight during an opponent's field-goal attempt was declared a goal for the shooting team.

1957-58

Offensive goaltending was banned so that no player from either team could touch the ball or basket when the ball was on the basket's rim or above the cylinder. The only exception was the shooter in the original act of shooting.

2008-09

When the entire ball is above the level of the ring during a field-goal try and contacts the backboard, it is considered to be on its downward flight. In such a case, it is goaltending when that ball is touched by a player.

2023-24

To allow officials the opportunity to review goaltending/basket interference calls during the next media timeout to ensure the call was accurate so long as the official makes the goaltending/basket interference call on the floor. If there is a foul on the shooter while the ball is in the air with a goaltend/basket interference, the review will be immediate to properly adjudicate the potential free throws. *(Note: Under four minutes remaining in the second period and the entire overtime period(s), these reviews will be conducted immediately.)*

HELD BALL

1930-31

A held ball could be called when a closely guarded player was withholding the ball from play for five seconds. The result was a jump ball.

1998-99

In a held-ball situation initiated by the defense, the ball would be awarded to the defensive team. Previously, possession was awarded by the direction of the possession arrow. (This was rescinded the next season.)

INTENTIONAL FOUL

1985-86

If a shooter was fouled intentionally and the shot was missed, the penalty was two shots and possession of the ball out-of-bounds to the team that was fouled.

1987-88

Each intentional personal foul carried a two-shot penalty plus possession of the ball.

1993-94

A foul was ruled intentional if while playing the ball a player caused excessive contact with an opponent.

2012-13

The intentional foul was eliminated and replaced with "Flagrant 1." Flagrant 1 will carry a penalty of two shots and the ball; Flagrant 2 will be two shots the ball and ejection of the offender.

2023-24

To establish that if a player commits three Flagrant 1 fouls in a game, the player would be disqualified.

To establish that if a player is called for a foul, and upon Instant Replay the officials see that the foul is a direct result of a Flagrant 1 or Flagrant 2 foul committed against the player who was originally assessed a foul, officials may remove the original foul on the player who was flagrantly fouled.

JUMP BALL/ALTERNATE POSSESSION

1905-06

A timeout called while the ball was in play resulted in a jump ball when play was resumed. If the ball was out-of-bounds when a timeout was called, the team in possession of the ball kept possession.

1930-31

A held ball could be called when a closely guarded player was withholding the ball from play for five seconds. The result was a jump ball.

1937-38

The center jump after every goal scored was eliminated.

1970-71

During a jump ball a nonjumper could not change his position from the time the official was ready to make the toss until after the ball had been touched.

1974-75

During a jump ball a nonjumper on the restraining circle could move around it after the ball had left the official's hands.

1981-82

The jump ball was used only at the beginning of the game and the start of each extra period. An alternating arrow would indicate possession in held-ball situations during the game.

1994-95

The inner circle at midcourt was eliminated.

LINES

1894-95

The free-throw line was moved from 20 to 15 feet.

1932-33

The 10-second center (division) line was introduced to reduce stalling.

1955-56

The free-throw lane was increased from 6 feet to 12 feet.

1956-57

On the lineup for a free throw the two spaces adjacent to the end line were occupied by opponents of the free-thrower. In the past one space was marked "H" for a home team player to occupy and across the lane the first space was marked "V" for a visiting team player to stand in.

1984-85

The coaching box was introduced

whereby a coach and all bench personnel had to remain in the 28-foot-long coaching box unless seeking information from the scorers' table.

1986-87

The three-point field goal was introduced and set at 19 feet 9 inches from the center of the basket.

1994-95

The inner circle at midcourt was eliminated.

2008-09

The three-point line was extended to 20 feet 9 inches.

2015-2016

Restricted-area arc went from three feet to four feet.

OUT-OF-BOUNDS

1891-92

When the ball goes out-of-bounds, it shall be thrown into the field and played by the person first touching it. In case of a dispute, the umpire shall throw it straight into the field. The thrower-in is allowed five seconds; if he holds it longer, it shall go to the opponent. If any side persists in delaying the game the umpire shall call a foul on it.

1905-06

A timeout called while the ball was in play resulted in a jump ball when play was resumed. If the ball was out-of-bounds when a timeout was called, the team in possession of the ball kept possession.

1905-06

Time stopped only when ordered by the referee. It did not stop for dead-ball situations such as free throws or when the ball was out-of-bounds.

1924-25

Time stopped when ordered by the referee for injuries, substitutions, two-shot fouls and timeouts requested by the team captain. The clock kept running at all other times including dead-ball situations such as out-of-bounds.

1938-39

The ball was thrown in from out-of-bounds at midcourt by the team shooting a free throw after a technical foul. Before, the ball was put into play with a center jump after a technical-foul free throw.

1939-40

Teams had the choice of whether to take a free throw or take the ball out-of-bounds at midcourt. If two or more free throws were awarded, this option applied to the last throw.

1947-48

The clock was stopped on every dead ball the last three minutes of the second half and of every extra period. This includes every time a goal was scored

because the ball was considered dead until put into play again. (This rule was abolished in 1951.

1952-53

Teams could no longer waive free throws in favor of taking the ball out-of-bounds.

1957-58

A ball that passed over the backboard—either front to back or back to front—was considered out-of-bounds.

1963-64

The clock was stopped when any violation was called. This included when the ball went out-of-bounds. The rule prevented delaying tactics for the purpose of consuming playing time when the ball was out of play.

1982-83

When the closely guarded five-second count was reached, it was no longer a jump-ball situation. It was a violation and the ball was awarded to the defensive team out-of-bounds.

1985-86

If a shooter was fouled intentionally and the shot was missed, the penalty was two shots and possession of the ball out-of-bounds to the team that was fouled.

2003-04

A team would have control when a player of that team had disposal of the ball for a throw-in.

2006-07

A timeout would not be recognized when an airborne player's momentum carried him either out-of-bounds or into the backcourt.

2013-14

In the last two minutes of the game, officials are permitted to review to determine who caused the ball to go out of bounds when there is a deflection involving two or more players.

2023-24

To require when a coach requests an out of bounds play to be reviewed under two minutes in the second period and in the last two minutes of any extra period that team will be charged a timeout if the original call is not overturned.

2024-25

To provide officials the opportunity to review whether the player's last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zero) in either half or any overtime period.

OVERTIME

1942-43

Any player who was eligible to start an extra period was allowed an extra personal foul, increasing the total so disqualification was on the fifth foul.

1944-45

Five personal fouls disqualify a player. An extra foul was not permitted in overtime games.

1993-94

The game clock was stopped after successful field goals in the last minute of the game and the last minute of any extra period with no substitution allowed.

PERIODS

1891-92

The time shall be two 15-minute halves with five minutes' rest between.

1905-06

Games were played in two 20-minute halves with a 10-minute rest time between the halves.

1951-52

Games were played in four 10-minute quarters.

1954-55

Games were changed back to being played in two 20-minute halves.

1996-97

Teams had to warm up and shoot at the end of the court farthest from their own bench for the first half. Previously, teams had the choice of baskets in the first half.

ROUGH PLAY

1905-06

Personal fouls were separated into two classes

"A" for general fouls and "B" for more flagrant fouls. Class B fouls could lead to possible game disqualification and were called for striking the opponent, kicking the opponent, shouldering the opponent, tripping the opponent, hacking the opponent unnecessary roughness, or using profane or abusive language. If two Class B fouls were committed by one player, he was disqualified for the rest of the game.

1908-09

A second official was added for games in an effort to curb the rough play.

1910-11

Within Class B fouls, personal fouls were distinguished from the other.

1915-16

Class A fouls were changed to violations, and Class B fouls became technical and personal fouls.

1939-40

Teams had the choice of whether to take a free throw or take the ball out-of-bounds at midcourt. If two or more free throws were awarded, this option applied to the last throw.

1952-53

Teams could no longer waive free throws in favor of taking the ball out-of-bounds.

1957-58

One free throw for each common foul was taken for the first six personal fouls by one team in each half and the one-and-one was used thereafter.

1972-73

The free throw on the first six common fouls each half by a team was eliminated.

1973-74

Officials could now penalize players for fouls occurring away from the ball such as grabbing, holding and setting illegal screens.

1974-75

A player charged with a foul was no longer required to raise his hand. (In 1978 however, it was strongly recommended that a player start raising his hand again.)

1983-84

Two free throws were taken for each common foul committed within the last two minutes of the second half and the entire overtime period if the bonus rule was in effect. (This rule was rescinded one month into the season.)

1987-88

Each intentional personal foul carried a two-shot penalty plus possession of the ball.

1990-91

Beginning with the team's 10th personal foul in a half, two free throws were awarded for each common foul, except player-control fouls.

1991-92

Contact technical fouls counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

1992-93

Unsporting technical fouls, in addition to contact technical fouls, counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

1993-94

A foul would be ruled intentional if while playing the ball a player caused excessive contact with an opponent.

2007-08

Use of courtside monitor allowed for determining whether a flagrant foul occurred or to assess the situation during a fight.

2009-10

Expanding on the rule from two seasons before, when an official uses a courtside monitor to determine whether a flagrant foul occurred, if it is determined that a flagrant foul did not occur but an intentional personal foul or a contact technical foul did occur, those fouls shall be penalized accordingly. However, no other infractions may be penalized.

2010-11

Along with the common foul or flagrant foul of the past, officials now had a third option of calling an intentional foul when contact was made by swinging elbows.

2012-13

The intentional foul was eliminated and replaced with "Flagrant 1." Flagrant 1 will carry a penalty of two shots and the ball; Flagrant 2 will be two shots the ball and ejection of the offender. Flagrant 2 fouls added to the list of items that a head coach may request to be reviewed. If the review does not indicate that a flagrant foul occurred, the head coach shall be charged with a timeout.

2023-24

To establish that if a player is called for a foul, and upon Instant Replay the officials see that the foul is a direct result of a Flagrant 1 or Flagrant 2 foul committed against the player who was originally assessed a foul, officials may remove the original foul on the player who was flagrantly fouled.

2024-25

To amend the current article as follows: "Disrespectfully contacts an official or makes a threat of physical intimidation or harm to include pushing, shoving, spitting, or attempting to make physical contact with an official." The penalty for physically abusing an official is ejection from the contest and a one-game suspension.

SHOT CLOCK/STALLING

1932-33

The 10-second center (division) line was introduced to reduce stalling.

1985-86

The 45-second clock was introduced. The team in control of the ball must now shoot for a goal within 45 seconds after it attains team control.

1991-92

The shot clock was reset when the ball struck the basket ring, not when a shot left the shooter's hands as it had been since the rule was introduced in 1986.

1993-94

The shot clock was reduced to 35 seconds from 45. The team in control of the ball must shoot for a goal within 35 seconds after attaining team control.

2005-06

Violations when the ball had been intentionally kicked would no longer result in the reset of the shot clock to 35 seconds. When the violation occurred with 15 or fewer seconds remaining, the shot clock was reset to 15 seconds. Otherwise, when the violation occurred with more than 15 seconds remaining, there was no reset of the shot clock.

2015-16

The shot clock was reduced to 30 seconds from 35.

2020-21

Rule 2-11.6 was amended by providing that the shot clock shall be reset to 20 seconds or the time remaining as set forth in subsections c. and d. of this rule when the offensive team retains or gains possession of the ball for a throw-in in the front court. Exception: When no reset is required per Rule 2-11.6.a or there is a change of team possession in the backcourt and the ball remains live. To accomplish this objective, the change would further require that Rule 2-11.6.b.8 only be applicable when the alternating possession arrow favors the defense. If the arrow favors the offense, there would be a 20-second reset under Rule 2-11.6.c

2023-24

To establish that anytime the ball hits the rim (a pass, deflection or a shot) and the offense retains possession in its frontcourt, the shot clock will reset to 20 seconds. Anytime the ball hits the rim and the offense retains possession in its backcourt, the shot clock will reset to 30 seconds.

To permit, but not require, amber lights on the shot clock and an amber strip at the top of the backboard only to signal the end of a shot-clock period.

SHOT IN CLOSING SECONDS

1994-95

Scoring was restricted to a tap-in when three-tenths (.3) of a second or less remained on the game clock or shot clock.

1999-2000

During the season, the rules committee made a rule that required the official to look at the courtside monitor to determine if a potential game-winning shot in the last second of the game or overtime would count.

2003-04

Officials could consult a courtside monitor at the end of either half or any extra period to determine (1) whether a field-goal try beat the horn; (2) whether a shot-clock violation at the end of the first half beat the horn; or (3) whether a shot-clock violation that would determine the outcome of a game beat the horn. The officials also could use a courtside monitor to correct a timer's mistake or to determine if the game clock or shot clock expired at or near the end of a period.

2013-14

In the last two minutes of the game, officials are permitted to review whether a shot clock violation occurred (including if the shot left the shooter's hand prior to the sounding of the shot clock horn).

2015-16

Permit instant replay during the entire game to determine if a shot clock violation occurred for failing to release the ball prior to the sounding of the shot

clock horn. These reviews may only occur on successful tries for goal. Permit instant replay after a call has been made to determine if any flagrant foul has been committed and not just a Flagrant 2 foul.

SUBSTITUTION

1920-21

A player could re-enter the game once. Before this rule, if a player left the game he could not re-enter for the rest of the game.

1933-34

A player could re-enter the game twice.

1944-45

Unlimited substitution was introduced.

1993-94

The game clock was stopped after successful field goals in the last minute of the game and the last minute of any extra period with no substitution allowed.

2005-06

The time allowed to replace a disqualified player was reduced from 30 to 20 seconds, and the warning signal was sounded five seconds before the expiration of the time limit.

2015-16

Reducing the amount of time allotted to replace a disqualified player from 20 to 15 seconds.

TECHNICAL FOULS

1905-06

Personal fouls were separated into two classes

"A" for general fouls and "B" for more flagrant fouls. Class B fouls could lead to possible game disqualification and were called for striking the opponent, kicking the opponent, shouldering the opponent, tripping the opponent, hacking the opponent, unnecessary roughness or using profane or abusive language. If two Class B fouls were committed by one player, he was disqualified for the rest of the game.

1908-09

A second official was added for games in an effort to curb the rough play.

1910-11

Within Class B fouls, personal fouls were distinguished from the other.

1915-16

Class A fouls were changed to violations, and Class B fouls became technical and personal fouls.

1938-39

The ball was thrown in from out-of-bounds at midcourt by the team shooting a free throw after a technical foul. Before, the ball was put into play with a center jump after a technical-foul free throw.

1956-57

Grasping the basket became classified as a technical foul under unsportsmanlike tactics.

1981-82

All fouls charged to bench personnel were assessed to the head coach.

1988-89

Any squad member who participated in a fight was ejected from the game and was placed on probation. If that player participated in a second fight during the season, he was suspended for one game. A third fight involving the same

person resulted in suspension for the rest of the season including championship competition.

1990-91

The fighting rule was amended. The first time any squad member or bench personnel participated in a fight, he was suspended for the team's next game. If that same person participated in a second fight, he was suspended for the rest of the season, including championship competition.

1991-92

Contact technical fouls counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

1992-93

Unsporting technical fouls, in addition to contact technical fouls, counted toward the five fouls for player disqualification and toward the team fouls in reaching bonus free-throw situations.

1993-94

The rule concerning the use of profanity was expanded to include abusive and obscene language in an effort to curtail verbal misconduct by players and coaches.

1994-95

The fighting and suspension rules were expanded to include coaches and team personnel.

1995-96

All unsporting technical fouls charged to anyone on the bench counted toward the team foul total.

2000-01

Technical fouls were divided into direct (two-shot penalty) and indirect (one-shot penalty) with the ball returned to the point of interruption.

2001-02

Both direct and indirect technical fouls were penalized by two shots and returned to the point of interruption.

2009-10

The new "contact technical foul" occurs when the ball is dead and involves contact that is unnecessary unacceptable and excessive.

2015-16

Making Class B technical fouls (hanging on the rim and delaying the resumption of play, for example) one-shot technical fouls. Previously, two shots were granted for these types of technical fouls.

TELEVISION REPLAY

1986-87

A television replay could be used to prevent or rectify a scorer's or timer's mistake or a malfunction of the clock.

1999-2000

During the season the rules committee made a rule that required the official to look at the courtside monitor to determine if a potential game-winning shot in the last second of the game or overtime would count.

2001-02

Officials could check an official courtside monitor to determine if a try was a three- or two-point attempt, regardless of whether the try was successful.

2003-04

Officials could consult the courtside monitor at the end of either half or any extra period to determine (1) if a field-goal try beat the horn; (2) whether a shot-clock violation at the end of the first half beat the horn; or (3) whether

a shot-clock violation that would determine the outcome of a game beat the horn. The officials also could use a court-side monitor to correct a timer's mistake or to determine if the game clock or shot clock expired at or near the end of a period.

2005-06

Expanding on the rule from two seasons before, officials who consult a court-side monitor at the end of either half or any extra period could correct the official game time if needed and/or determine whether a foul was committed before time expired. Officials could also consult a court-side monitor any time during the game to correct a timer's mistake.

2007-08

Use of a court-side monitor was allowed for determining whether a flagrant foul occurred or to assess the situation during a fight.

2009-10

Expanding on the rule from two seasons before, when an official uses a court-side monitor to determine whether a flagrant foul occurred, if it is determined that a flagrant foul did not occur but an intentional personal foul or a contact technical foul did occur, those fouls shall be penalized accordingly. However, no other infractions may be penalized.

2012-13

Flagrant 2 fouls added to the list of items that a head coach may request to be reviewed. If the review does not indicate that a flagrant foul occurred the head coach shall be charged with a timeout.

2013-14

Officials are permitted to use the monitor to determine on whom a foul is to be charged when there is uncertainty.

2015-16

Allowing officials to use the monitor to review a potential shot clock violation on made field goals throughout the entire game

2023-24

To require when a coach requests an out of bounds play to be reviewed under two minutes in the second period and in the last two minutes of any extra period that team will be charged a timeout if the original call is not overturned.

2024-25

To provide officials the opportunity to review whether the player's last foot prior to leaving the floor was out of bounds prior to releasing a shot as time expired (game clock reading zero) in either half or any overtime period.

THREE SECONDS

1932-33

No player could stand in the free-throw lane with the ball more than three seconds.

1935-36

No offensive player could remain in the free-throw lane, with or without the ball, for more than three seconds.

THREE-POINT SHOT

1980-81

Conferences began experimenting with the three-point field-goal at different distances.

1986-87

The three-point field goal was introduced nationally and set at, 19 feet, 9 inches from the center of the basket.

1990-91

Three free throws were awarded when a shooter was fouled during an unsuccessful three-point try.

2008-09

The three-point line was extended to 20 feet, 9 inches.

2019-20

The three-point line was extended to 22 feet, 1 3/4 inches at the top of the key and 21 feet, 7 7/8 inches in the corners (same as international basketball).

TIMEOUTS

1924-25

Only team captains could call for a timeout. Each team had three timeouts per game.

1948-49

Coaches were allowed to speak to players during a timeout.

1995-96

Teams were allowed one 20-second timeout per half. This was an experimental rule in the 1994-95 season.

1996-97

In games not involving commercial electronic media, teams were entitled to four full-length timeouts and two 20-second timeouts per game. In games involving commercial electronic media, teams were entitled to two full-length timeouts and three 20-second timeouts per game.

1997-98

Timeout requests could be made by a player on the court or by the head coach.

1999-2000

Twenty-second timeouts increased to 30 seconds in length. A new electronic-media timeout format was adopted.

2006-07

A timeout would not be recognized when an airborne player's momentum carried him either out-of-bounds or into the backcourt.

2023-24

A timeout would be granted when a player has possession of the ball even though the player is airborne.

TRAVELING

1900-01

A dribbler could not shoot for a field goal and could dribble only once, and then with two hands.

1908-09

A dribbler was permitted to shoot. The dribble was defined as the "continuous passage of the ball," making the double dribble illegal.

1921-22

Running with the ball changes from a foul to a violation.

UNIFORMS

1915-16

All players shall be numbered with plain numbers at least 6 inches high and 1 inch wide fastened securely on the backs of their shirts.

1925-26

Players of the same team shall not wear duplicate numbers.

1927-28

On uniforms, teams are urged not to use the numbers one or two.

1932-33

Each player must be numbered on the front of his shirt as well as on the back. To quote the rules book, "It may seem needless, but it will save correspondence for the editor to add here that the same number appear on front and back."

1957-58

On uniforms, the use of the single digit numbers one and two and any digit greater than five was prohibited.

1999-2000

Uniform numbers one and two were permitted.

2023-2024

To permit additional uniform options, including identifying names of the institution, allowing more space for logos on the jersey front, allowing numbers 0 or 00 through 99, and permitting religious headwear to be worn without a waiver of the playing rule provided it is safe for competition.

VIOLATIONS

1905-06

Personal fouls were separated into two classes

"A" for general fouls and "B" for more flagrant fouls. Class A fouls were called for delay of game, tackling the ball (touching the ball when a teammate was already touching it), kicking the ball, striking the ball, advancing the ball, hugging the ball, shooting after dribbling, tackling the opponent, holding the opponent, pushing the opponent, or addressing the game officials. Class B fouls could lead to possible game disqualification and were called for striking the opponent, kicking the opponent, shouldering the opponent, tripping the opponent, hacking the opponent unnecessary roughness, or using profane or abusive language. If two Class B fouls were committed by one player, he was disqualified for the rest of the game.

1915-16

Class A fouls were changed to violations, and Class B fouls became technical and personal fouls.

(For more on Violations, please see Block/Charge, Closely Guarded, Dribbling, Dunking, Goaltending/Basket Interference, Three Seconds, and Traveling.)

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Bert Epting Jr.	Anderson (SC)	2025-present
Wesley E. Fesler	Wesleyan (CT)	1944
Dan Fitzgerald	Gonzaga	1996-97
H.E. Foster	Wisconsin	1958-66
Mark Fox	Georgia	2015-18
Tim Fusina	Waynesburg	2024-present
Clarence Gaines	Winston-Salem	1992-93
Jayson Gee	Charleston (WV)	2001-03
Pete Gillen	Xavier	1993-97
Christopher Graham	Rocky Mountain Conference	2014-2017
Jack Gray	Texas	1951-52
Hugh Greer	UConn	1963
Jim Gudger	Tex. A&M-Commerce	1976, 78
Dick Hack	Medaille, Pitt.-Greensburg	2006-09
Nelson Haggerty	Midwestern St.	2018-2019
Richard Harter	Penn	1972
Rick Hartzell	UNI	2008, 21-24
Clem Haskins	Minnesota	1992-96
E.O. "Doc" Hayes	SMU	1967-69
R.E. Henderson	Baylor	1953-56
Paul Hinkle	Butler	1954-59
Karl Hicks	Atlantic Coast Conference/ American Athletic Conf.	2012-15, 22-present
Howard Hobson	Yale	1952-55
Mark Hollis	Michigan St.	2012
Ron Holmes	McMurry	1999-2002
Bob Huggins	West Virginia	2020-2022
Art Hyland	Big East Conference	1998-2003
Henry Iba	Oklahoma St.	1952-54, 67-69
Clarence Iba	Tulsa	1956-59
George Ireland	Loyola Chicago	1963-66
Calvin Irvin	N.C. A&T	1979
Brad Jackson	Western Wash.	2004-08
Eddie Jackson	Rogers St., MIAA	2017-20
Jeff Jackson	Big South Conference	2018-2019
Stu Jackson	Big East Conference	2016-2019
Bill Jones	North Ala.	1985-91
Richard Johnson	Wofford	2017-20
Sydney Johnson	Fairfield	2015-2018
Larry Keating Jr.	Seton Hall, Kansas	1994-97; 2003-07
Herb Kenny	Wesleyan (CT)	1993-98
William Knapton	Beloit	1981-86
Jack Kraft	Villanova	1968-69
Jerry Krause	Eastern Wash. St.	1976-78, 83-87
Mike Krzyzewski	Duke	1991
John Kundla	Minnesota	1968-69, 72-74
Eugene Lambert	Arkansas	1945-49
Myndee Kay Larsen	Summitt League	2024-present
Dale Lash	Springfield	1942-43
Debora Lazorik	Marietta	1999-2002
Shantay Legans	Portland	2023-present
Robert Lineburg	Radford	2019-21
Harry Litwack	Temple	1960-65
Bobby Lutz	Charlotte	2007-10
Edward P. Markey	Saint Michael's	1992-95
Jack Martin	Lamar	1974-79
Rollie Massimino	UNLV	1993-95
Arthur McAfee	Morehouse	1975-80
Mike McGrath	Chicago	2018-21
Walter "Doc" Meanwell	Wisconsin	1939

Name	Affiliation	Seasons
Gene Mehaffey	Ohio Wesleyan	1993-98
Bill Menefee	Baylor	1972-73
Ray Meyer	DePaul	1979-82
Joey Meyer	DePaul	1993-95
Douglas Mills	Illinois	1947-53
Reggie Minton	Air Force	1997-2000
Jim Molinari	Western Ill.	2011-14
Mike Montgomery	Stanford	1997-2000
Steve Moore	Wooster	2007-10
Bernard Muir	Delaware	2012
Gerald Myers	Texas Tech	1986-92, 2009-12
Norvall Neve	Atlantic Coast, Missouri Valley Conferences	1967-75
C.M. Newton	Alabama, Southeastern Conference	1981-85
Henry Nichols	Villanova	1992-96
Thomas Niland Jr.	Le Moyne	1985-91
Kenneth Norton	Manhattan	1955-59
Tom O'Connor	George Mason	1998-2003
Jeff O'Malley	Marshall	2014-2017
Dave Odom	Wake Forest	2001-04
H.G. Olsen	Ohio St.	1940-46
Ray Oosting	Trinity (CT)	1946-49, 51, 58-62
James Padgett	California, Nevada	1972-74
Curtis Parker	Centenary (LA)	1939-41
Rob Passage	Kalamazoo, Willamette	2010-13
Ted Paulauskas	St. Anselm	1997-99
Mark Peeler	Erskine	2012-15
John Perri	LIU Brooklyn	2014-16
Richard H. Perry	UC Riverside	1992
Vadal Peterson	Utah	1945-48
Mac Petty	Wabash	1987-92
Digger Phelps	Notre Dame	1988-91
Jerry Pimm	Utah	1979-84
Lonnie Porter	Regis (CO)	2004-08
Clarence Price	California	1952-54
Skip Prosser	Wake Forest	2004-07
William Raleigh	Southwestern (TX)	2016-2019
Jack Ramsay	Saint Joseph's	1966-67
George Raveling	Southern California	1993-96
Richard Reed	La Verne	2014-2017
Lonn Reisman	Tarleton St.	2000-03
Ashley Robinson	Jackson St.	2025-present
Polk Robison	Texas Tech	1962-66
Paul Rundell	San Fran. St.	1980-81
Adolph Rupp	Kentucky	1962-66
Andy Russo	Florida Tech, Lynn	1997-2000
H.H. Salmon Jr.	Princeton	1939-40
Richard Sauers	Albany (NY)	1983-87
William Scanlon	Union (NY)	1989-94
Jim Schaus	Ohio	2009-11
Steve Schweer	Illinois Col.	2020-2023
Justin Scott	Arcadia	2018
Norman Shepard	Davidson	1942-47
J. Dallas Shirley	Southern Conference	1984-87
Ed Silva	Elms, U New England	2012-15
Dean Smith	North Carolina	1967-69, 72-73
James W. St. Clair	SMU	1939-44
Floyd Stahl	Ohio St.	1956-57, 60-61
Ed Steitz	Springfield	1959-91
Gary Stewart	Stevenson	2020-2023
Norm Stewart	Missouri	1985-91
Kenneth Stibler	St. Thomas (FL)	1978-84
Adam Stockwell	Hamilton	2024-present

Name	Affiliation	Seasons
Brian Streeter	Penn St.-Erie	2022-present
Eddie Sutton	Arkansas	1980-85
H. Jamison Swarts	Penn	1941-45
A.K. Tebell	Virginia	1948-52
Bob Thomason	Pacific	2004-08
John M. Thompson	N.C. Wesleyan	2008-11
John Thompson III	Princeton	2003-04
Jack Thurnblad	Carleton	1975-80
Alvin J. Van Wie	Wooster	1981-86
Bob Vanatta	Sunshine State Conference	1994-95
Kevin Vande Streek	Calvin	2003-06
A. Kenyon Wagner	BYU-Hawaii	2009-12
M. Edward Wagner	California Collegiate Athletic Association	1976-79
Russell Walseth	Colorado	1972-75, 77-78
Perry Watson	Detroit	2002-05
Stanley Watts	BYU	1954-57
Clifford Wells	Tulane	1953-56
Don White	UConn	1945
Reggie Witherspoon	Buffalo	2006-09
Vining William	Ouachita Baptist	1977
James Williams	Colorado St.	1972-78
Roy Williams	Kansas	1997-2000
Floyd Wilson	Harvard	1964-69
Richard Wilson	Amherst	1972-75
Willis Wilson	Rice	2001-04
Willard A. Witte	Wyoming	1939
John Wooden	UCLA	1961-64
Ned Wulk	Arizona St.	1968-69
Jim Zalacca	SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Potsdam	1999-2002; 11-14

DIVISION I BASKETBALL FIRSTS

THE FIRST TIME...

Playing rules were published:

January 1892 in the Springfield College school newspaper, The Triangle

A game was played:

January 20, 1892, at the Training School of the International YMCA College, now known as Springfield College in Massachusetts

A game was played in public:

March 11, 1892, at Springfield College. A crowd of 200 saw the students defeat the teachers, 5-1.

A full schedule of games was played by a college:

1894 when the University of Chicago compiled a 6-1 season record

A game between two colleges was played:

February 9, 1895, when the Minnesota School of Agriculture defeated Hamline, 9-3. Nine players were allowed on the court at the same time for both teams.

A game between two colleges was played with five players on each team:

January 16, 1896, when Chicago defeated Iowa, 15-12, in Iowa City. Iowa's starting lineup was composed of a YMCA team that just happened to be university students.

A game between two true college teams with five players on a team was played:

1897 when Yale defeated Penn, 32-10

A conference season was played:

1901-02 by the East League, known today as the Ivy League

A tie occurred between two major college teams:

February 16, 1905, when Minnesota tied at Dartmouth, 16-16

The words "Basket Ball" were merged into one word - "Basketball":

1921

A conference tournament was played:

1921 by the Southern Conference. Kentucky was the winner.

A consensus All-America team was selected:

1929 when Charley Hyatt, Pittsburgh; Joe Schaaf, Penn; Charles Murphy, Purdue; Vern Corbin, California; Thomas Churchill, Oklahoma; and John Thompson, Montana State, were selected

A basketball ball was patented:

June 25, 1929, when G.L. Pierce was granted U.S. Patent #1,718,305 for the first ball just for basketball.

A game was filmed for a newsreel:

February 20, 1931, St. John's (New York) against Carnegie Mellon

A doubleheader was played:

December 29, 1934, in Madison Square Garden in New York in front of 16,188 fans. New York University beat Notre Dame, 25-18, and Westminster (Pennsylvania) beat St. John's (New York), 37-33.

The National Invitation Tournament was played:

1938 when Temple was the winner

A college game was televised:

February 28, 1940, when Pittsburgh defeated Fordham, 50-37, at Madison Square Garden in New York City. In the second game, New York University

defeated Georgetown, 50-27. The games were broadcast on New York station W2XBS.

The three-point shot was used experimentally in a game:

February 7, 1945, Columbia defeated Fordham, 73-58. The three-point line was set at 21 feet from the basket as Columbia scored 11 "long goals" to Fordham's nine. Also, free-throwers had an option to take their shots from the regular 15-foot distance for one point or from 21 feet for two points. Eight "long fouls" were made during the game.

The 12-foot free-throw lane was used experimentally in a game:

February 7, 1945, Columbia defeated Fordham, 73-58, in the same game as mentioned previously. The free-throw lane was widened from 6 feet to 12 for this game, and the rule was adopted 11 years later.

Nets were cut down starting a college post-championship game tradition:

March 8, 1947, when North Carolina State head coach Everett Case stood on his players' shoulders to cut down the nets after the Wolfpack won the Southern Conference Tournament.

An Associated Press poll was published:

1949 when Saint Louis was ranked No. 1. By the end of the season, Kentucky had taken over the top spot.

The names of players appeared on the backs of the players' jerseys:

1961 by Duke, coached by Vic Bubas

Five African-Americans were on the court for a Major College (Division I) team:

December 29, 1962, Loyola Chicago against Wyoming in the All-City Tournament in Oklahoma City. In the second half of the game, starter John Egan was replaced by Pablo Robertson to make all five players in the game for Loyola African-American. Three months later Loyola Chicago won the NCAA title.

All the games of a conference tournament were televised:

1979 on ESPN of the Sun Belt Conference tournament

The first patent issued for a break-away rim:

December 28, 1982, to Arthur H. Ehrat of Virden, IL

The RPI was released to the public:

February 1, 2006, when the Rating Percentage Index (RPI) appeared on the NCAA website

An official NCAA basketball game was played aboard an aircraft carrier:

November 11, 2011, when North Carolina played Michigan State aboard the USS Carl Vinson in the San Diego Bay

The Nitty Gritty and Team Sheets were released to the public:

January 4, 2012, when these ranking reports appeared on the NCAA website

An official NCAA basketball game was played in Europe:

November 9, 2012, when UConn played Michigan State in Germany

The NCAA had a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade:

November 22, 2012, with the official kick-off of the 75th Celebration of March Madness. The float featured Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Lew Alcindor), David Thompson and Christian Laettner.

IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT, THE FIRST TIME...

A game was played:

March 17, 1939, when Villanova defeated Brown, 42-30, in Philadelphia

The championship game was played:

March 27, 1939, when Oregon defeated Ohio State, 46-33, in Evanston, Illinois

The tournament Most Outstanding Player (MOP) was named:

1939 when Jimmy Hull of Ohio State earned the honor

A player scored 30 points or more in a game:

March 22, 1941, when George Glamack of North Carolina scored 31 points against Dartmouth

Two teams from the same conference played in the same bracket:

1944 when Iowa State and Missouri, both of the Big Six, played in the Western regional

A freshman was named the tournament MOP:

1944 when Arnie Ferrin of Utah earned the honor

A team played in the Final Four in its home city:

1945 by New York University in New York

A player was named MOP two times:

1946 when Bob Kurland of Oklahoma State earned the honors in 1945 and 1946

Four teams advanced to the final site:

1946 when North Carolina, Ohio State, Oklahoma State and California advanced to New York

A championship game was televised:

March 26, 1946, locally in New York City by WCBS-TV. Oklahoma State defeated North Carolina, 43-40. An estimated 500,000 watched the game on television.

A player dunked the ball:

March 26, 1946, when Bob Kurland, the 7-foot center for Oklahoma State, threw down two dunks late in the game to help preserve a 43-40 victory over North Carolina in the championship game

There was a repeat champion:

March 26, 1946, when Oklahoma State followed its 1945 championship with a title in 1946

A player scored 30 points or more in a Final Four game:

March 22, 1947, when George Kaftan of Holy Cross scored 30 points against CCNY

The championship team had an integrated roster of white and black players:

March 28, 1950, when CCNY's squad started three black players

A school won the championship in its home town:

March 28, 1950, by CCNY in New York

A conference champion qualified automatically:

1951

A team entered the tournament undefeated:

1951 when Columbia was 21-0. The Lions lost to Illinois in the first round, 79-71.

A conference tournament champion qualified automatically for the tournament instead of the regular-season champion:

1952 when North Carolina State finished second in the Southern Conference but won the conference postseason tournament

There were four regional sites:

1952

Games were televised regionally:

1952

A player scored 40 points or more in a game:

March 22, 1952, when Clyde Lovellette of Kansas scored 44 points against Saint Louis

A player scored 40 points or more in a Final Four game:

March 18, 1953, when Bob Houbregs of Washington scored 42 points against LSU

The MOP did not play on the national championship team:

1953 when B.H. Born of Kansas earned the honor

Two teams from the same state advanced to the Final Four:

1954 with La Salle and Penn State

A Final Four was played on Friday and Saturday:

1954

The championship game was televised nationally:

1954 for a broadcast rights fee of \$7,500

An undefeated team won the championship:

March 23, 1956, when San Francisco went 29-0

A player scored 50 points or more in a game:

March 15, 1958, when Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati scored 56 points against Arkansas

An orange-colored basketball was used instead of brown:

March 22, 1958, when Kentucky defeated Seattle, 84-72, in the championship game. Butler head coach Paul "Tony" Hinkle introduced the concept of using the orange ball developed by Spalding.

Two teams from the same state played in the title game:

March 25, 1961, when Cincinnati defeated Ohio State, 70-65, in overtime

The football Heisman Trophy winner played in the Final Four:

1963 when Terry Baker played for Oregon State

The Most Valuable Player Award was changed to the Most Outstanding Player Award:

1964, when Walt Hazzard of UCLA was named the MOP

A player scored 50 points or more in a Final Four game:

March 20, 1965, when Bill Bradley of Princeton scored 58 points against Wichita State

The championship team started five African-Americans:

March 19, 1966, when UTEP started Harry Flournoy, David Lattin, Bobby Joe Hill, Orsten Artis and Willie Worsley

A player was named MOP three times:

1969 when Lew Alcindor of UCLA earned the honors in 1967, 1968 and 1969

The Final Four was played on Thursday and Saturday:

1969

The Final Four was played on Saturday and Monday:
1973

The title game was televised during prime time:
March 26, 1973, when UCLA defeated Memphis on NBC

The television rights totaled at least \$1 million:
1973

A public drawing was held for Final Four tickets:
1973 for the 1974 championship

Teams other than the conference champion were chosen as at-large selections from the same conference:
1975

The term “Final Four” was referenced:
1975 in the Official Collegiate Basketball Guide on page 5 in national preview-review section written by Ed Chay of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Chay wrote, “Outspoken Al McGuire of Marquette, whose team was one of the final four in Greensboro, was among several coaches who said it was good for college basketball that UCLA was finally beaten.”

Two African-American coaches played each other in a game:
March 13, 1976, when Fred Snowden’s Arizona Wildcats defeated John Thompson’s Georgetown Hoyas, 83-76, in a first-round game

Two teams from the same conference played in the Final Four title game:
March 29, 1976, when Indiana defeated Michigan, 86-68. Both teams were members of the Big Ten.

A player played for two teams in the Final Four championship game:
1978 after Bob Bender played for Indiana in 1976 and Duke in 1978

The seeding process was used to align teams in the bracket:
1978

A reference to the term “Final Four” was capitalized:
1978 in the Official Collegiate Basketball Guide on the first line of page 7

All teams were seeded in the bracket:
1979

A public lottery was held for Final Four tickets:
1979

That more than two teams from the same conference were allowed in the tournament:
1980

Three of the No. 1-seeds in the tournament were at-large bids:
1980

None of the No. 1 seeds in the tournament advanced to the Final Four:
1980

The Rating Percentage Index (RPI), a computer ranking system, was used as an aid in evaluating teams for at-large selections and seeding:
1981

Two No. 1 seeds in the tournament advanced to the Final Four:
1981

A Final Four logo was produced that was specific to the site of the championship game:
1981 when the final game was played in Philadelphia and the logo included the Liberty Bell

CBS was awarded the television rights for the tournament:
1982

There was a live television broadcast of the selection show announcing the tournament bracket:
1982

A TV announcer used “March Madness” in referring to the tournament:
1982 by Brent Musburger of CBS Sports

An African-American coached a team into the Final Four:
1982 by John Thompson of Georgetown

A men’s and women’s team from the same school advanced to the Final Four in the same year:
1983 when both Georgia teams lost in the national semifinals

Awards were presented to all participating teams in the tournament:
1984

An African-American coached a team to the championship:
1984 by John Thompson of Georgetown

64 teams participated in the tournament:
1985

Three teams from the same conference advanced to the Final Four:
1985 when Georgetown, St. John’s (New York) and Villanova represented the Big East

An unranked team won the championship:
1985 by Villanova

A double-digit seed reached the Final Four:
1986 by 11-seed LSU

All 64 NCAA tournament teams were subject to drug testing:
1987

Neutral courts were used in all rounds of the tournament:
1989

All the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds in the tournament advanced to the Sweet Sixteen:
1989

A bearded coach advanced to the Final Four:
1989 when P.J. Carlesimo took Seton Hall

A coach won the title in his first year as a head coach:
1989 by Steve Fisher of Michigan

A No. 15-seed defeated a No. 2-seed:
March 14, 1991, when Richmond beat Syracuse, 73-69

The RPI was updated daily during the selection meetings

1990

Lower seeds from three of four first-round games at the same site advanced:

March 15, 1991, in Syracuse, New York

A minimum facility seating capacity of 12,000 for first and second rounds and regionals was established:

1993

Three No. 1 seeds in the tournament advanced to the Final Four:

1993

The sitting president of the United States attended games:

1994 when President Bill Clinton was present at the Midwest Regional championship game in Dallas and the Final Four in Charlotte

Two former Final Four MOPs returned to the Final Four as players:

1995 when North Carolina's Donald Williams (1993) and Arkansas' Corliss Williamson (1994) returned to play

65 teams participated in the tournament:

2001

Two people of color faced each other as coaches in a Final Four game:

March 30, 2002, when Mike Davis' Indiana Hoosiers defeated Kelvin Sampson's Oklahoma Sooners, 73-64, in a national semifinal game

All four No. 1 seeds advanced to the Final Four:

2008

There were four upsets (five seed places or more) from first-round games at the same site:

March 21, 2008, in Tampa, Florida

The sitting president of the United States filled out a bracket on television:

2009 when President Barack Obama correctly picked the eventual champion North Carolina

Three of the No. 1 seeds in the tournament were from the same conference:

2009 when UConn, Louisville and Pittsburgh were all from the Big East

The national anthem was sung by national entertainers at the Final Four:

April 6, 2009, when The Temptations sang the anthem before the start of the championship game in Detroit

68 teams participated in the tournament:

2011.

The "First Four" games were played at the same site:

2011 in Dayton, Ohio

A team played five tournament games before playing in the Final Four:

2011 by VCU

The sitting president of the United States attended the tournament's first game:

March 13, 2012, when President Barack Obama joined British Prime Minister David Cameron in Dayton, Ohio, for the First Four

A non-starter was named tournament Most Outstanding Player:

2013 when Luke Hancock of Louisville earned the honor coming off the bench

The national semi-final games were shown on the cable network TBS:

2014. The championship game was still on CBS.

A game started with a technical foul:

March 21, 2014. Kansas State walk-on Brian Rohleder threw down a two-handed dunk during pregame warm-ups. Kentucky's Andrew Harrison made one-of-two free throws to give Kentucky a 1-0 with 20:00 remaining in the first half. Kentucky went on to win the second-round game, 56-49.

THE FIRST SCHOOL...

To play in both the NIT and the NCAA tournaments in the same year:

Duquesne in 1940

To win 30 games in a season:

Western Kentucky went 30-3 in 1938

To win a football bowl game and the NCAA tournament title in the same academic year:

Oklahoma State won the Cotton Bowl and the NCAA championship in 1944-45

To play more than 40 games in a season:

1945 when Oregon went 30-15

To be ranked No. 1 in the final regular-season poll and go on to win the NCAA championship:

Kentucky ended the 1949 regular season ranked No. 1 and proceeded to win its second NCAA title

To win the NCAA tournament and the NIT in the same year:

CCNY won both tournaments in 1950

To win the NAIA, NIT and NCAA tournaments:

Louisville won the NAIA in 1948, the NIT in 1956 and the NCAA in 1980

To win the NCAA title the year after losing in the championship game:

North Carolina in 1982

To have both its men's and women's teams advance to the Final Four:

Georgia in 1983

To play for the national championship in both football and basketball in the same academic year:

Oklahoma lost in both the Orange Bowl and the Final Four title game in 1987-88

To be ranked No. 1 in the men's and women's polls:

UConn's men's and women's basketball programs were ranked No. 1 in their respective top-25 polls February 13, 1995

To be voted the national champion in football and win the NCAA basketball tournament in the same academic year:

Florida in 2006-07

To play in four different national postseason tournaments in four straight years:

Bradley in 2006-09. Bradley won games in the 2006 NCAA Tournament (2-1), 2007 National Invitation Tournament (NIT, 1-1), 2008 College Basketball

Invitational (CBI, 4-2) and 2009 CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT, 3-0). Jim Les was the coach all four years; however, no student-athletes played in all four tournaments.

THE FIRST COACH...

Who also happened to be the inventor of the game:

Dr. James Naismith invented the game in December 1891 at Springfield College in Massachusetts

To have won the NCAA tournament at his alma mater:

Howard Hobson of Oregon in 1939

To lead his team to a finish among the final four teams in the nation in his first season as a head coach:

Bruce Drake of Oklahoma in 1939

To take two different teams to the NCAA tournament:

Ben Carnevale, who took North Carolina in 1946 and Navy in 1947

To lead his alma mater into the NCAA tournament after having played in the tournament:

Elmer Gross played for Penn State in the 1942 NCAA tournament and later coached them in the 1952 tournament

To lead a school other than his alma mater into the NCAA tournament after having played in the tournament:

Doyle Parrack played for Oklahoma State in the 1945 NCAA tournament and later coached Oklahoma City in the 1952 tournament

To be recognized as national coach of the year:

Phil Woolpert of San Francisco was named the 1955 coach of the year by United Press International

To take two different teams to the Final Four:

Forddy Anderson and Frank McGuire. Anderson took Bradley in 1950 and Michigan State in 1957; McGuire took St. John's (New York) in 1952 and North Carolina in 1957

To take two different schools to the NCAA championship game:

Frank McGuire in 1957 with North Carolina after St. John's (New York) in 1952

To take three different teams to the NCAA tournament:

Eddie Hickey, who took Creighton in 1941 (first year), Saint Louis in 1952 and Marquette in 1959

To have won the NCAA championship his first year at a school:

Ed Jucker at Cincinnati in 1961

Who was African-American to coach at a Division I school:

Will Robinson at Illinois State in the 1971-72 season

To win the NCAA championship after playing for an NCAA championship team:

Bob Knight coached Indiana to the championship in 1976 after playing for the 1960 champion Ohio State

To win the NCAA title in his first year as a head coach:

Steve Fisher of Michigan in 1989

To take four different teams to the NCAA tournament:

Eddie Sutton—Creighton in 1974 (first year), Arkansas in 1977, Kentucky in 1986 and Oklahoma State in 1991

To take a school to the Final Four in four different decades:

Dean Smith took North Carolina to the Final Four 11 times from 1967 to 1997

To take three different teams to the Final Four:

Rick Pitino, who made his first trip to the Final Four with Providence in 1987, Kentucky in 1993 and Louisville in 2005

THE FIRST PLAYER...

To score 1,000 points in his career:

Christian Steinmetz of Wisconsin from 1903 to 1905

To be named consensus all-American three times:

John Wooden of Purdue from 1930 to 1932

To popularize the jump shot:

John Cooper of Missouri in 1932 to 1934, Hank Luisetti of Stanford in 1936 to 1938 and Kenny Sailors of Wyoming in 1941 to 1943 and 1946

To score 50 points in one game:

Hank Luisetti of Stanford, who scored 50 in a win over Duquesne, January 1, 1938

To popularize the dribble behind his back:

Hank Luisetti of Stanford, Bob Davies of Seton Hall and Bob Cousy of Holy Cross are believed to be three of the first innovators of the behind-the-back dribble in the 1930s and 1940s. Davies was photographed doing so.

To dunk in a game:

Bob Kurland, the 7-foot center for Oklahoma State, in 1946. His first dunk was disallowed, although his subsequent dunks were allowed.

Who was African-American to be named to the consensus All-America team:

Don Barksdale of UCLA in 1947

Who was African-American to play on the U.S. Olympic team:

Don Barksdale of UCLA in 1948

To score 2,000 points in his career:

Jim Lacy of Loyola Maryland scored 2,154 points from 1946 to 1949

Who was African-American to be drafted into the National Basketball Association (NBA):

Chuck Cooper of Duquesne in 1950

To lead the nation in scoring during the regular season and play for the NCAA championship team in the same year:

Clyde Lovellette of Kansas in 1952

To grab 50 rebounds in one game:

Bill Chambers of William and Mary brought down 51 boards against Virginia on February 14, 1953

To grab 700 rebounds in a season:

Walt Dukes of Seton Hall brought down 734 boards during the 1953 season

To score 100 points in a game:

Frank Selvy of Furman scored 100 points in a 149-95 victory over Newberry on February 13, 1954, in Greenville, South Carolina

To score 1,000 points in a single season:

Frank Selvy of Furman scored 1,209 during the 1954 season

To average 40 points a game for a season:

Frank Selvy of Furman averaged 41.7 points a game during the 1954 season

To average 30 points a game for a career:

Frank Selvy of Furman averaged 32.5 points a game from 1952 to 1954

To achieve 2,000 points and 2,000 rebounds in his career:

Tom Gola of La Salle scored 2,462 points and pulled down 2,201 rebounds from 1952 to 1955

Recognized as the national player of the year:

Tom Gola of La Salle was named the 1955 player of the year by United Press International

To average at least 20 points and 20 rebounds per game during his career:

Bill Russell of San Francisco from 1954 to 1956. He averaged 20.7 points and 20.3 rebounds.

To score 3,000 points in his career:

Pete Maravich of LSU scored 3,667 points from 1968 to 1970

To average 40 points a game for a career:

Pete Maravich of LSU averaged 44.2 points a game from 1968 to 1970

To score a three-point field goal (not counting the Columbia-Fordham game in 1945):

Ronnie Carr of Western Carolina drilled a 23-footer against Middle Tennessee at 7:06 p.m. on November 29, 1980. The three-pointer was used as an experiment by several conferences until the rule was adopted nationally for the 1986-87 season.

To be named consensus All-American his freshman season:

Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma in 1983

To lead the nation in scoring and rebounding in the same season:

Xavier McDaniel of Wichita State in 1985

To make 400 three-point field goals in his career:

Doug Day of Radford hit 401 three-pointers from 1990 to 1993

To be named national player of the year his freshman season:

Kevin Durant of Texas in 2007

To have a triple-double in each of his four seasons:

Jesse Sanders of Liberty from 2009 to 2012

DIVISION I BASKETBALL THE LAST TIME

THE LAST TIME...

A player was named first-team consensus All-American three times:

2013 by Doug McDermott of Creighton from 2012 to 2014

A player led the nation in scoring and played for the NCAA championship team in the same year:

1952 by Clyde Lovellette of Kansas

A player scored at least 60 points in one game:

December 12, 2008, when Ben Woodside of North Dakota State scored 60 points against Stephen F. Austin

A player scored at least 1,000 points in a season:

2011 when Jimmer Fredette of BYU scored 1,068 points

A player averaged at least 40 points a game for a season:

1971 when Johnny Neumann of Ole Miss averaged 40.1 points a game

A player averaged at least 30 points a game for a season:

2019 when Chris Clemons of Campbell averaged 30.1 points a game

A player scored at least 3,000 points in his career:

2023 when Antoine Davis of Detroit Mercy scored 3,664 from 2019-2023

A player averaged at least 40 points a game for a career:

1970 when Pete Maravich of LSU averaged 44.2 points a game from 1968 to 1970

A player averaged at least 30 points a game for a career:

1979 when Larry Bird of Indiana State averaged 30.3 points a game from 1977 to 1979

A player grabbed at least 30 rebounds in one game:

March 5, 2015, when Kendall Gray of Delaware St. brought down 30 boards against Coppin St.

A player grabbed at least 500 rebounds in a season:

2023 when Oscar Tshiebwe of Kentucky, Armando Bacot of North Carolina gathered 515 and 511 rebounds, respectively.

A player averaged at least 20 rebounds a game for a season:

1973 when Kermit Washington of American averaged 20.4 rebounds a game

A player grabbed at least 2,000 rebounds in his career:

1956 when Joe Holup of George Washington had 2,030 rebounds from 1953 to 1956

A player grabbed at least 1,500 rebounds in his career:

2011 when Kenneth Faried of Morehead State had 1,673 rebounds from 2008 to 2011

A player averaged at least 20 rebounds per game during his career:

1973 when Kermit Washington of American averaged 20.2 rebounds from 1971 to 1973

A player averaged at least 13 rebounds per game during his career:

1992 when Shaquille O'Neal of LSU averaged 13.5 rebounds from 1990 to 1992

A player led the nation in scoring and rebounding in the same season:

1995 Kurt Thomas of TCU

A player averaged at least 20 points and 20 rebounds per game during his career:

1973 when Kermit Washington of American averaged 20.1 points and 20.2 rebounds from 1971 to 1973

A player shot above 70 percent from the floor for a season:

2023 when Max Fiedler of Rice, Josh Roberts of Manhattan had 73.5 and 70.5 field-goal percentages, respectively

A player made at least 150 three-point field goals in a season:

2023 when Darius McGhee of Liberty and Antoine Davis of Detroit Mercy made 162 and 159 three-pointers, respectively

A player made at least 500 three-point field goals in his career:

2023 when Antoine Davis of Detroit Mercy made 588 three-pointers from 2019-23.

A player made at least 300 free throws in a season:

2009 when Stefon Jackson of UTEP made 312 free throws

A player shot at least 95 percent from the free-throw line for a season:

2023 when Walter Clayton Jr. of Iona sank 95.3 percent of his free throws

A player made at least 900 free throws in his career:

2009 when Tyler Hansbrough of North Carolina made 982 free throws from 2006 to 2009

A player shot above 90 percent from the free-throw line in his career:

2023 when Foster Loyer of Davidson had a 92.31 free-throw percentage from 2012 to 2015

A player dished out at least 20 assists in one game:

Nov. 30, 2022, when Yuri Collins of Saint Louis had 20 assists against Tennessee St.

A player dished out at least 300 assists in a season:

2023 when Yuri Collins of Saint Louis dished out 324 assists

A player averaged at least 10 assists a game for a season:

2023 when Yuri Collins of Saint Louis averaged 10.1 assists a game

A player dished out at least 1,000 assists during his career:

2014 when Jason Brickman of LIU Brooklyn dished out 1,009 assists from 2011 to 2014

A player averaged at least 10 assists a game during his career:

1988 when Avery Johnson of Southern University averaged 12.0 assists a game from 1987 to 1988

A player blocked at least 14 shots in one game:

January 13, 2010, when Darrius Garrett of Richmond blocked 14 shots against Massachusetts

A player blocked at least 180 shots in a season:

2012 when Anthony Davis of Kentucky blocked 186 shots

A player averaged at least six blocked shots a game for a season:

2007 when Mickell Gladness of Alabama A&M averaged 6.3 blocked shots a game

A player blocked at least 500 shots during his career:

2010 when Jarvis Varnado of Mississippi State blocked 564 shots from 2007 to 2010

A player averaged at least five blocked shots per game during his career:

1997 when Adonal Foyle of Colgate averaged 5.7 blocked shots from 1995 to 1997

A player had at least 12 steals in one game:

November 23, 2022, when Nelson Phillips of Troy had 13 steals against Southern-N.O.

A player had at least 150 steals in a season:

2002 when Desmond Cambridge of Alabama A&M had 160 steals

A player averaged at least four steals a game for a season:

2002 when Desmond Cambridge of Alabama A&M averaged 5.5 steals a game and John Linehan of Providence averaged 4.5 steals a game

A player had at least 350 steals during his career:

2022 when Jacob Gilyard of Richmond had 466 steals from 2018 to 2022

A player averaged at least three steals per game during his career:

2022 when Jacob Gilyard of Richmond averaged 3.03 steals per game from 2018 to 2022

A player had a quadruple-double in one game:

November 11, 2007, when Lester Hudson of UT Martin had 25 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists and 10 steals against Central Baptist

A player had a triple-double in each of his four seasons:

Jesse Sanders of Liberty from 2009 to 2012

A tie occurred between two major college teams:

December 31, 1935, when Notre Dame tied at Northwestern, 20-20, in a night game. Both teams went to the locker rooms thinking Northwestern had won by a point. When it was discovered that a late free throw by Notre Dame's Ray Meyer had not been accounted for, players were already showering and dressing for New Year's Eve festivities. The game remained a tie.

A team played two games in one day:

March 15, 2008, when Georgia played twice in the Southeastern Conference tournament. A tornado in Atlanta postponed a game against Kentucky on March 14 because of damage to the Georgia Dome. Georgia beat Kentucky the next day in Georgia Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum before beating Mississippi State later that night. On March 16, Georgia won the conference title by beating Arkansas in the championship game.

A team was ranked No. 1 in the final regular-season polls and went on to win the NCAA championship:

2012 by Kentucky

A team won the NCAA tournament and the postseason NIT in the same year:

1950 by CCNY

A team played more than 40 games in a season:

2018 when Villanova went 36-4

An official NCAA basketball game was played aboard an aircraft carrier:

November 11, 2022, when Gonzaga played Michigan State aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln in the San Diego Bay

An official NCAA basketball game was played in Asia:

November 8, 2013, when Georgetown played Oregon in South Korea

An official NCAA basketball game was played in Europe:
December 4, 2022, when Kentucky played Michigan in London, England

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Two teams from the same state played in the title game:
1962 when Cincinnati defeated Ohio State, 71-59

A football Heisman Trophy winner played in the Final Four:

1963 by Terry Baker of Oregon State

All the teams from the Final Four failed to make the tournament the next year:

1965 when UCLA, Michigan, Princeton and Wichita State all failed to make the 1966 tournament

A player was named MOP three times:

1969 when Lew Alcindor of UCLA earned the honors in 1967, 1968 and 1969

A team turned down a tournament bid:

1970 by Marquette

A Final Four was played on days other than Saturday and Monday:

1972 when the games were on Thursday and Saturday

A school won the NCAA championship in its home city:

March 25, 1972, by UCLA in Los Angeles

A player was named tournament Most Outstanding Player twice:

1973 when Bill Walton of UCLA was named MOP in 1972 and 1973

An undefeated team entered the tournament:

2021 when Gonzaga was 24-0. Lost to Baylor in the national championship

An undefeated team won the tournament championship:

1976 when Indiana was 32-0

A network other than CBS televised the Final Four:

1981 by NBC

The tournament Most Outstanding Player did not play on the national championship team:

1983 by Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston

Three teams from the same conference advanced to the Final Four:

1985 when Georgetown, St. John's (New York) and Villanova represented the Big East

Two teams from the same conference played in the championship game:

1988 by Kansas and Oklahoma of the Big Eight

A bearded coach advanced to the Final Four:

1989 when P.J. Carlesimo took Seton Hall

A coach won the title in his first year as a head coach:

1989 by Steve Fisher of Michigan

Two teams from the same state advanced to the Final Four:

2023 with Florida Atlantic and Miami

A coach was ejected from a Final Four game:

March 30, 1991, when Dean Smith of North Carolina received his second technical foul with 35 seconds remaining in the game

Two former Final Four MOPs returned to the Final Four as players:

1995 by North Carolina's Donald Williams (1993) and Arkansas' Corliss Williamson (1994)

A team beat three No. 1 seeds in the tournament:

1997 by Arizona

A team won the NCAA title the year after losing in the championship game:

North Carolina in 2017

The stand-alone lowest seed in the Final Four won the title:

2003 by Syracuse as a No. 3 seed

Only two No. 1 seeds advanced to the Sweet Sixteen:

2023

The regionals were named for the four regional site cities:

2006

A team repeated as tournament champion:

2007 by Florida in 2006 and 2007

The two teams from the title game failed to make the tournament the next year:

2007 when neither Florida nor Ohio State made the 2008 tournament

All the lower seeds from first-round games at the same site advanced:

March 21, 2008, in Tampa, Florida

A player was named Most Outstanding Player of a region on a team that did not advance to the Final Four:

2008 by Stephen Curry of Davidson

All Final Four teams were automatic qualifiers into the tournament:

2008

All four No. 1 seeds advanced to the Final Four:

2008

All Final Four teams were at-large selections into the tournament:

2009

All the Nos. 1 and 2 seeds advanced to the Sweet Sixteen:

2009

All the No. 1 seeds advanced to the Elite Eight:

2009

A team played in the Final Four in its home city:

2010 by Butler in Indianapolis

A team played in the championship game in its home city:

2010 by Butler in Indianapolis

A team played five tournament games before playing in the Final Four:

2011 by VCU

None of the No. 1 seeds advanced to the Final Four:

2023

The championship game did not include at least one No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3 seed:

2023 as No. 4 UConn defeated No. 5 San Diego St.

A school had both its men's and women's teams advance to the Final Four:

Syracuse in 2016

A school to win both the men's and women's national championship in the same year:

UConn in 2014

A school to win the national championship one year after being academically ineligible for the postseason in the previous season:

UConn in 2014

A sitting president of the United States attended a tournament game:

March 13, 2012, when President Barack Obama joined British Prime Minister David Cameron in Dayton, Ohio, for the First Four

A sitting Vice-president of the United States attended a tournament game:

March 16, 2023, when Vice-President Kamala Harris attended the first round in Des Moines, Iowa

A freshman was named tournament Most Outstanding Player:

2012 when Anthony Davis of Kentucky earned the honor

A non-starter was named tournament Most Outstanding Player:

2013 when Luke Hancock of Louisville earned the honor coming off the bench

A game started with a technical foul:

March 21, 2014. Kansas State walk-on Brian Rohleder threw down a two-handed dunk during pregame warm-ups. Kentucky's Andrew Harrison made one-of-two free throws to give Kentucky a 1-0 with 20:00 remaining in the first half. Kentucky went on to win the second-round game, 56-49.

A coach was ejected:

March 21, 2014, by Tim Miles of Nebraska in a second-round game against Baylor. Miles drew his second technical foul of the game for unsportsmanlike conduct with 11:17 left in the game and was ejected. Baylor went on to win 74-60.