

New Basketball Court Markings—Effective with the 2008-09 season

Beginning with the 2008-09 basketball season, a new lane-space mark must be applied to the free throw lane.

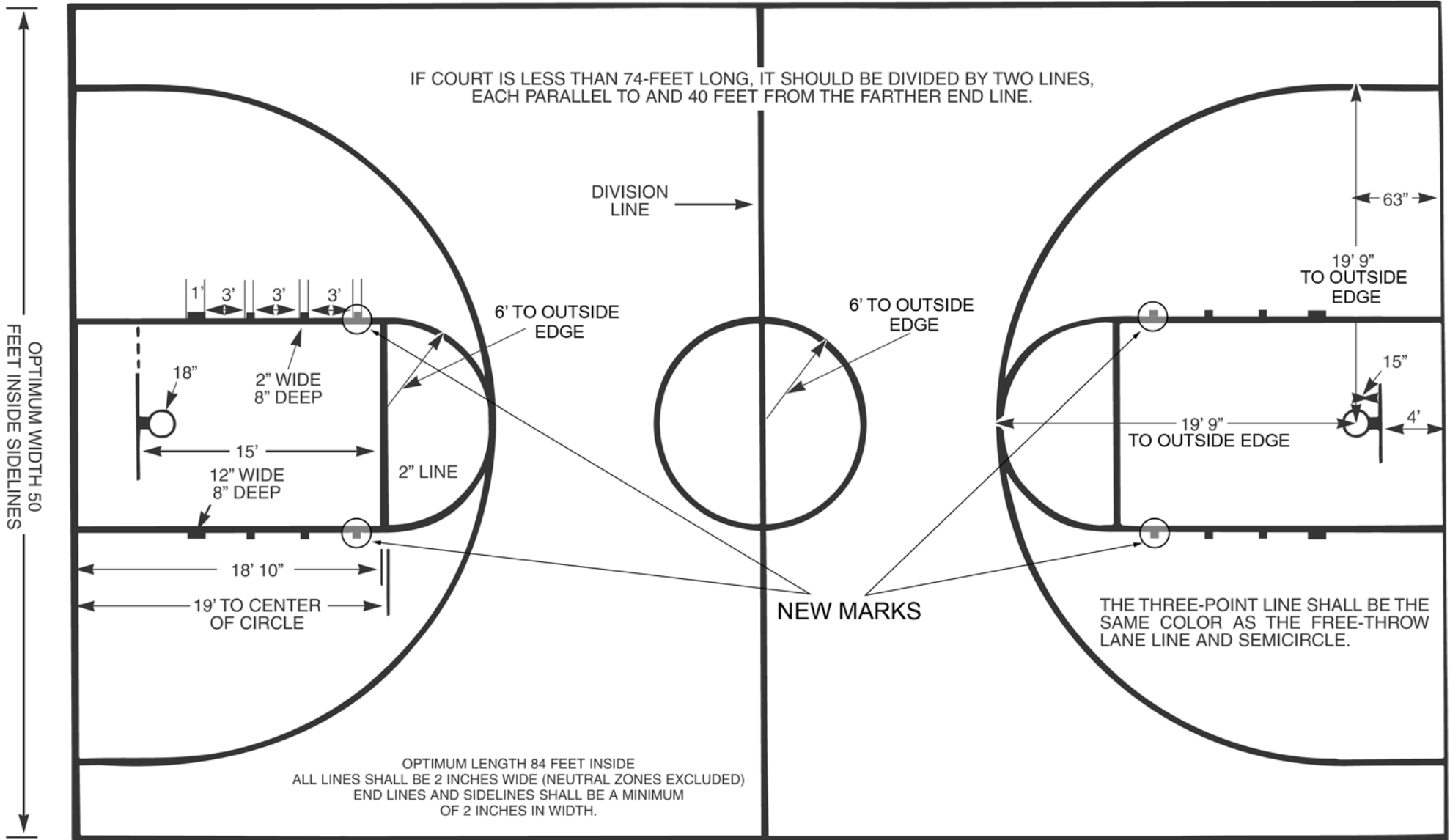
The new court markings come as a result of a rule revision recently approved by the National Federation Basketball Rules Committee that calls for the two marked lane spaces closest to the end line to be vacant during a free throw. This change moves all players up one space on the free throw lane and requires the addition of a new lane space on each side of the free throw line. The change also means that the lane space closest to the end line (*not the block*) is no longer needed.

The attached basketball court diagram shows the location of the new lane space marks which must be 2 inches wide and 8 inches deep and 3-feet from the mark that's closest to the free throw line. We prefer that the marks are painted on the floor. However, floor tape is accepted. Please note that it is not necessary to remove the lane space closest to the end line.

Last, but not least, when adding the new lane space markings make sure that the coaching box is properly marked—a hash mark 14-feet from the baseline and a second hash mark 28-feet from the baseline. These markings are also included on the basketball court diagram.

BASKETBALL COURT DIAGRAM

(See Rule 1-13 for location and size of optional coaching box)



MINIMUM OF 3 FEET

Preferably 10 feet of unobstructed space outside. If impossible to provide 3 feet, a narrow broken 1-inch line should be marked inside the court parallel with and 3 feet inside the boundary.

Left End Shows
Rectangular Backboard
72-Inches Wide

Right End Shows
Fan Backboard
54-Inches Wide