

## Half-Court Basketball

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- **WHERE TO PLAY:**
  - Half regulation basketball court with 1 goal
  - Basketball playing areas can be found in most playgrounds, gyms, and parks around the world.
- **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**
  - Two equal teams up to 5 players each
- **GRADE LEVELS:**
  - 3rd-8th grades
- **EQUIPMENT:**
  - A basketball
  - Goal
- **HOW TO PLAY:**
  - This is a favorite playground and home driveway basketball game and a popular choice for those situations in which only one goal is available for a game
    - Additionally, it can allow for two games to be played at the same time on one regulation court resulting in more players being actively involved
  - Games can be played:
    - 1 v 1
    - 2 v 2
    - 3 v 3
    - 4 v 4
    - 5 v 5
  - A game is normally played in quarters or two halves
    - The length of which can be decided by the two teams
  - To start the game
    - The official tosses up the ball between two opponents at the free throw line
    - The two jumpers attempt to tap the ball to one of their teammates who are standing outside the circle
    - Each team will then try to score by dribbling/passing the ball toward the opponent's goal and shooting successfully at their basket

- After each successful score
  - The ball is put back into play from out of bounds at the center line
- If the defensive team gets possession of the ball
  - They must dribble or pass it past the free throw line before scoring
- Scoring
  - A score from the field area is worth two points
  - A successful free throw shot is worth one point
- Violations
  - All violations result in the opposing team
    - Throwing the ball in from the nearest out-of- bounds spot.
    - Violations are:
      - Traveling
        - Taking more than one step while in possession of the ball
      - Double Dribbling
        - Dribbling with two hands
        - Dribbling a second time after having stopped the first dribbling series
      - Kicking the ball
      - Three seconds in the key
        - Offensive player standing inside the key area for three seconds
      - Taking more than ten seconds for the offensive team to cross the mid-court line
      - Out-of-bounds ball
      - Stepping on the out-of-bounds line while in possession of the ball
      - Passing the ball out-of-bounds
      - Knocking the ball out-of-bounds
- Fouls
  - Personal foul
    - A personal foul occurs when a player
      - Holds
      - Trips
      - Pushes
      - Charges

- Blocks
- Engages in rough play
- If the foul occurs while a player is shooting
  - The shooter is awarded two shots from the free throw line
  - If the shooter made the shot, but was still fouled
    - They get one shot from the free throw line
- Five personal fouls disqualify a player from any further participation
- Technical foul
  - A technical foul occurs when a player
    - Acts in an unsportsmanlike manner.
  - The opposing team is awarded
    - Two free shots
    - Possession of the ball afterward
- The team with the highest score wins

