

ART. 33 CONTACT: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

33.10 No-charge semi-circle areas

Statement

The purpose of the no-charge semi-circle rule is not to reward a defensive player who has taken a position under his own basket in order to draw a charging foul against an offensive player who is in control of the ball and is penetrating towards the basket.

For the no-charge semi-circle rule to be applied:

- (a) The defensive player shall have both feet inside the semi-circle area (see Diagram 1). The semi-circle line is **not** part of the semi-circle area.
- (b) The offensive player shall drive to the basket across the semi-circle line and attempt a shot for a field goal or a pass while airborne.

The no-charge semi-circle rule is **not** to be applied and any contact shall be judged according to normal regulations, e. g. cylinder principle, charge/block principle:

- (a) For all play situations occurring outside the no-charge semi-circle area, also developing from the area between the semi-circle area and the endline.
- (b) For all rebounding play situations when, after a shot for a field goal, the ball rebounds and a contact situation occurs.
- (c) For any illegal use of the hands, arms, legs or body by either offensive or defensive player.

Example 1:

A4 attempts a jump shot that begins outside the semi-circle area and charges into B4 who is inside the semi-circle area.

Interpretation:

A4's legal action as the no-charge semi-circle rule is applied.

Example 2:

A4 dribbles along the endline and, after reaching the area behind the backboard, jumps diagonally or backwards and charges into B4 who is in a legal guarding position inside the semi-circle area.

Interpretation:

A4's charging foul. The no-charge semi-circle rule is not applied as A4 has entered the no-charge semi-circle area from the playing court directly behind the backboard and its extended imaginary line (see Diagram 1).

Example 3:

A4 shot for a field goal touches the ring and a rebound situation occurs. A5 jumps into the air, catches the ball and then charges into B4 who is in a legal guarding position inside the semi-circle area.

Interpretation:

A5's charging foul. The no-charge semi-circle rule is not applied.

Example 4:

A4 drives to the basket and is in the act of shooting. Instead of completing the shot for a field goal A4 passes the ball to A5 who is directly following him. A4 then charges into B4 who is inside the no-charge semi-circle area. At the same time A5, with the ball in his hands is on a direct drive to the basket in order to score.

Interpretation:

A4's charging foul. The no-charge semi-circle rule is not applied as A4 illegally uses his body to clear the way to the basket for A5.