

BASKET INTERFERENCE GUIDANCE

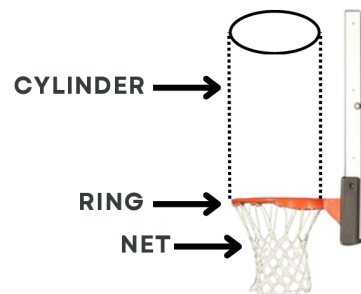
NFHS Rule Reference - Rule 4-6-1, 2, 3, 4
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To properly adjudicate basket interference, a solid understanding of the parts of the basket is necessary.

- **Cylinder** - Imaginary, cylinder-shaped area which has the basket ring as its lower base.
- **Ring** - Single metal ring not more than 5/8 inch in diameter.
- **Net** - Constructed to momentarily check the ball as it passes through the ring.

BASKET PARTS

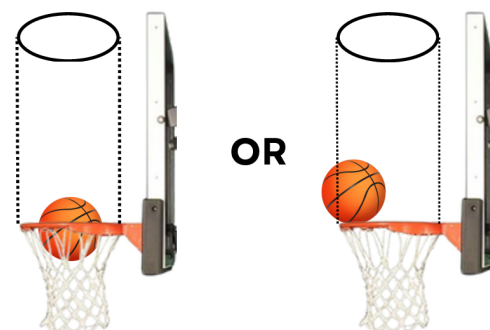


Basket Interference occurs when a player:

Art. 1...Touches the ball or any part of the basket (including the net) while the ball is on or within either basket.

*In this situation, basket interference can occur if a player touches the **BALL, RING, or NET.***

EXCEPTION: If touching the basket involves contact with the net only, the official must determine if the contact had an effect on the ball which would rise to the level of basket interference.



Art. 2...Touches the ball while any part of the ball is within the imaginary cylinder which has the basket ring as its lower base.

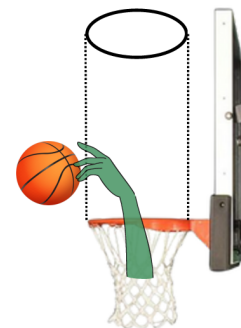
*In this situation, basket interference can occur if a player touches the **BALL.***

EXCEPTION: In Arts. 1 or 2, dunking or stuffing is legal and is not basket interference.



Art. 3...Touches the ball outside the cylinder while reaching through the basket from below.

*In this situation, basket interference can occur if a player touches the **BALL.***



Art. 4...Pulls down a movable ring so that it contacts the ball before the ring returns to its original position.

*In this situation, basket interference can occur if a player touches the **RING.***



GOALTENDING GUIDANCE

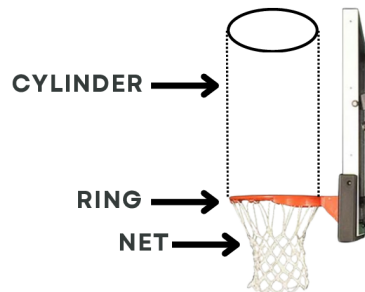
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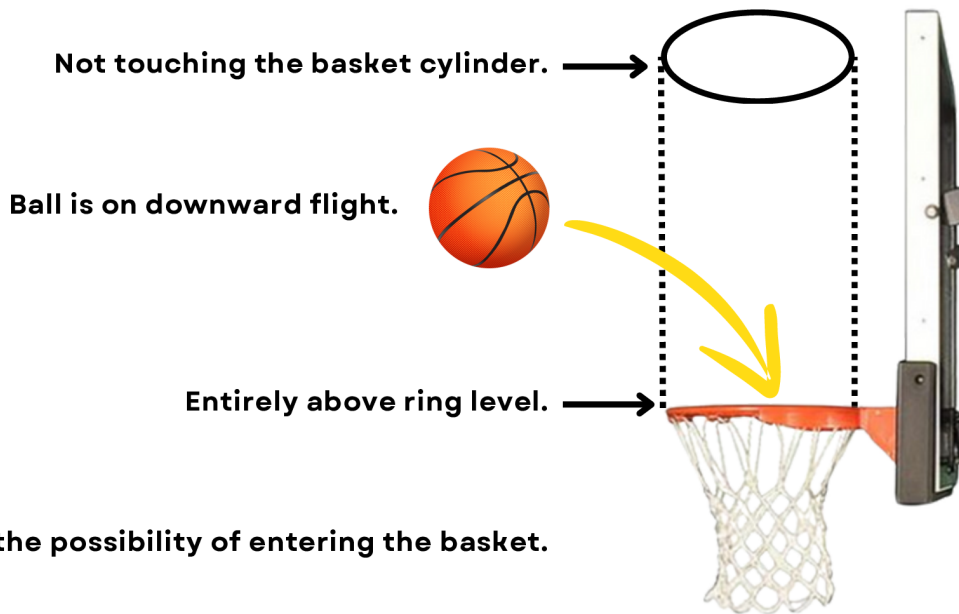
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BASKET PARTS



Goaltending occurs when a player:

ART. 1...Touches the ball during a try or tap for field goal while the ball is in its downward flight entirely above the basket ring level, possibility of entering the basket in flight and is not touching the basket cylinder.



ART. 2...A player touches the ball outside the cylinder during a free-throw attempt.

