

humiliate the opponent or degrade the integrity of the league. This also goes for the bench area also. Depending on the offense, a 2 or 5 minute, time serving foul will be administered. Particularly offensive taunting can also be an ejection foul.

9. **BACK COURT PRESSING**

No team will be allowed to press their opponent in their back court if the goal differential has reached 10. Offensive players may only be played defensively after they have crossed the midfield line. This infraction is a two-minute, time serving foul. If a team commits this foul after being warned and flagged on 3 occasions, the fouled team will forfeit the game in the Win/Loss standings but the game will continue.

10. **CREASE VIOLATION**

A defensive player entering the crease when pressing in the backcourt while the clearing team has possession is illegal. A two-minute, time serving foul will be called.

FIELD PLAY

1. **BACK COURT**

Once the ball crosses the midfield line, it is illegal for an offensive player in possession of the ball to cross back into the defensive half of the field. Any pass that travels into the defensive half of the field after it has crossed the midfield line in possession, cannot be retrieved by an offensive player in the defensive half of the field; UNLESS a member of the opposing team touches the ball first. This rule is also in affect during all penalties.

2. **FACE-OFFS**

All face-offs will begin play at the start of all games and also at the half unless there is a penalty and there is possession determined as time expires at the half. A face-off will occur if the ball travels outside of the playing area and the Official cannot determine which team touched the ball last. On all face-offs, all players except the players facing off, must stay outside the face-off circle. Possession will be given to the opposing team if a player enters the circle before the ball leaves the circle or possession has been called.

3. **CHERRY PICKING**

This call is made when a defensive player crosses the midfield line before the goalie or any other defensive player gains possession of the ball after a shot or a take-a-way. Cherry Picking will not be called if a player has come out of the bench area in a substitution situation. This promotes all players to play defense. It is not cherry picking if a defensive player is defending a player who would otherwise be considered cherry picking.

4. **MALIGNING THE OFFICIAL, COACH, FAN or ANOTHER PLAYER**

Any player maligning the Official will be asked to sit out. Any player maligning a coach for any reason will be asked to sit out. Any player maligning another player will be asked to sit out. This is a 2 or 5 minute, time serving foul or can be a game expulsion. The Official's word is absolute and final. Questioning a call is considered maligning and will be dealt with accordingly. Particularly abusive fans or parents will be asked to leave the Arena Sports center and play will not resume until said fan or parent is removed.