

# My Favorite Sport!

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# Basketball



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# The History of Basketball

***Basketball*** is a team sport in which two teams of 5 players try to score points against one another by placing a ball through a 10 foot high hoop under organized rules. A regulation NBA basketball court is 94' long by 50' wide.

Basketball is one of the most popular and widely viewed sports in the world.

Points are scored by throwing the ball through the basket from above. The team with more points at the end of the game wins, but additional time may be issued when the scores of both teams are the same. The ball can be advanced on the court by bouncing it or passing it between teammates. Disruptive physical contact is penalized, and free throws will be issued if an offensive player is fouled while shooting the ball.

# Various Basketball Activities

Variations of basketball are activities based on the game of basketball, using common basketball skills and equipment. Some variations are only superficial rules changes, while others are distinct games with varying degrees of basketball influences. Other variations include children's games, contests or activities meant to help players reinforce skills.

There are principal basketball sports with variations on basketball including **Wheelchair basketball**, Water basketball, Beach basketball, Slamball, Streetball and Unicycle basketball. An earlier version of basketball was Six-on-six basketball played until the end of the 1950s. Horseball is a game played on horseback where a ball is handled and points are scored by shooting it through a high net (approximately 1.5m×1.5m). The sport is like a combination of polo, rugby, and basketball. There is even a form played on donkeys known as Donkey basketball, but that version has come under attack from animal rights groups.

