

## **Frequently Asked Questions – NCAA Basketball Three-Point Line**

### **Is the new three-point line a true arc?**

Yes. The line is 20 feet, 9 inches from the center of the ring of the basket, which is the same measurement point used for the current three-point line.

### **What are the color restrictions for the new three-point line?**

The recently-adopted men's three-point line should be a contrasting color to the current three-point line.

### **Can the new line be added before the 2008-09 season?**

Yes. Other lines, such as volleyball lines, are permitted on the court. Adding the line before it is required is permissible.

### **Did the committee consider allowing a one-foot arc or “band,” instead of two different three-point lines?**

The option of a “band” was discussed and dismissed. The one-foot arc would require a change in women's basketball, allowing for the player's foot to be on the line but not over the line for the try to be a three-point basket. The women's committee preferred two separate, 2-inch lines to maintain the current line usage. Furthermore, it would be more expensive for institutions to remove the current three-point to add the one-foot arc or “band” than to add the new men's line. Courts can continue to be used for multi-functional purposes.

### **Does this include Division II and Division III?**

Yes. Playing rules are the same for all three divisions. Federation is allowed on a rare occasion because of finances, such as the 10th-of-a second game clock, but the NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee did not think the cost associated with adding the line merited this distinction.

### **Will there be a change to the width of the lane?**

The men's committee discussed the change in the three-point line in conjunction with a wider lane but elected not to recommend the widening of the lane. Because of the expense involved with updating basketball courts across the country, it is unlikely that a change to the lane would be considered by the men's committee or approved by PROP for several years.

### **Why did the women's committee not elect to extend the three-point line to remain the same as the men's three-point line?**

After experimentation with the extended three-point line and evaluation of current shooting percentages, the women's committee believes the current distance serves the game well. The shot remains a challenging and exciting part of the game.

### **What experimentation was conducted by the men's committee and the women's committee?**

Both the men's and women's committees experimented with the extended three-point line. The women's committee has experimented with the line at 19 feet, 6 inches twice, while the men experimented for several years at distances of both 19 feet, 6 inches and 19 feet, 9 inches.

**Will the women's committee experiment with the extended three-point line in the future?  
Will there be future experimentation by the men's committee and women's committee in regard to widening the lane?**

Because of the expense involved with altering the court markings, it is unlikely that a change related to the three-point line or lane would be considered by the committees or approved by PROP for several years. Experimentation will remain a key component to the committees when evaluating various facets of the game, though, and is a possibility in the future. Neither committee is planning experimentation for the 2007-08 season.