A game can be played by any number of men at any time. It is a simple game, however, and is one of the most convenient forms of play. In a large room, men can play on a side. This is considered the most regular number, and they are placed as shown in the accompanying illustration. The game itself is strictly one of passing the ball from man to man. It can either be kicked or inched with the flat. The object is to get the ball into the back or goal. To get an unassisted position is the main object, as the player can thus easily get the ball and pass it to one of his side near the goal. It is a great deal of practice to pass the distance above the players' heads. Not one must a player be skilled, he must also be very likely. A player must throw the ball as high as possible, and then he can turn around to shoot it. No interference is allowed, and kicking and pushing are strictly prohibited. A player may only obstruct the passage of the ball after a throw.

When the game is played on the field the players run with the ball, and the ball may also be dribbled along the ground with the hand. Team play counts for everything in basketball. The two forwards and the backs should always work together to get the ball into the goal. The backs should be coached to get the ball and pass it forward toward the center man. The game is commonly played in two halves of fifteen minutes each, with a half time between. When a goal is made, the game goes right on. It is perhaps the “fastest” game played to-day, and is played with a road which football players in lining up may well envy.

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