

Basketball is invented by Dr. James Naismith, an instructor at a YMCA in Springfield, Massachusetts. He had been asked to make up a game that was free of rough play for the Football and Lacrosse players.

The first major Basketball league, the American Basketball League is formed.

Wilt Chamberlin scores 100 points against the N.Y. Knicks to lead the Philadelphia Warriors to 169-147 victory. (March 2)

College officials may review television replays to determine the timing of last second shots.

1891

1925

1962

2000

1898

1945

1991

The first professional league, the National Basketball League, is formed with six teams in New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Defensive goal tending is banned; players are now allowed 5 fouls before fouling out. 3 second violation enacted.

Two free throws awarded with a team's 10th personal foul of the half. Three free throws given to players fouled beyond the three point arch while shooting.

Basketball Major Event Timeline