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2018-19 BASKETBALL RULE CHANGES

1-12-1c: It shall have a deeply-pebbled, granulated surface, with horizontally shaped panels bonded tightly to the rubber carcass.

Rationale: The additional words give manufacturers a better sense of what a deeply-pebbled cover should look like.

9-9-1: A player shall not be the first to touch the ball after it has been in team control in the frontcourt, if he/she or a teammate last touched or was touched by the ball in the frontcourt before it went to the backcourt. EXCEPTION: Any player located in the backcourt may recover a ball deflected from the frontcourt by the defense.

Rationale: To ensure that a team is not unfairly disadvantaged on a deflected pass.

2018-19 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Concussion recognition and risk minimization
2. General guidelines for skin infections and communicable diseases
3. Responsibility for proper uniform apparel
4. Establishing pivot foot and traveling
5. Legal guarding position block/charge, screening, verticality
6. Loose ball recovery
7. Officiating professionalism and use of proper terminology