

# How to Guide for SIUE Informal Pickup Basketball

SIUE pickup basketball is a game of honor and a game that showcases the outside shooter

## Points By 1s and 2s

One point for anything inside the three-point line and two points for everything outside it

## Game Point When People are Waiting to Play

Early bird: First full-court game plays to 16, win by 2, max of 21. You earned it by showing up early.

After the early bird: Games generally play to 12 but between 11 and 15 is good, win by 2, max of 18.

## Initially Picking Teams

Typically shoot for captains – captains then pick their team

## Game Ball

The game ball used in a pickup basketball game is a general consensus on the best basketball on that court. Players determine this with numerous strategies and are not always in agreement. No matter what ball is used, just remember that if you checked it out from the SFC, you are responsible for returning the same ball.

## Who Gets the Ball

Full court: Traditional play

Half court: Make it, take it

## Who Stays on the Court?

Winner stays on. If you win you stay on the court and continue to play. If you lose you go to the end of the cue behind everyone else that is waiting to play.

## Calling Next

Be responsible for calling next and make sure you stay courtside in order to maintain and communicate that position. Know who is ahead of you; when they are on the court you know that you are next. If you just played and lost, you generally don't play in the next game.

## Fouls

Like most pick-up sports, self-calling fouls can work well among good etiquette players. Everyone is here to play, not argue over a foul. Avoid holding up play for everyone else. No one wants to listen and wait for two people to finish arguing over a foul. Generally, no offensive fouls such as charges, moving screens, etc. is recommended as agreement is highly unlikely.



### **And 1**

An “**And 1**” in an organized basketball game means the player was fouled while shooting and made the basket. An “**And 1**” in a pickup game is not the same. Players will yell out “and one” even if they weren’t fouled. It’s like yelling, “**Kobe!**” when someone shoots. Don’t be offended by it....

### **Can’t agree on a foul? Shoot for it.**

If you can’t agree on foul, shoot for the ball. Another suggestion is whomever argues the loudest, loses. 😊

### **Basketball Rules Not to Use**

#### **No Backcourt**

Simpler is better in this case.

#### **No Shot Clock**

No clock, no rule. Someone will still yell “Shot clock violation!” just to try and hurry a shooter.



#### **No 3 in the Key**

This rule is not typically used in pickup basketball. If you come across a player that is seven (7) feet tall and parked down low in the key, sorry. You can try to give them a parking ticket though. 😊

#### **Avoid Calling Minor Infractions**

Often times you get minor infractions like travels or ball carries; as long as they are not significant, don’t bother calling them. Calling insignificant fouls often disrupts play and can make immature players act out.

## **Basketball Court Policy Reminders**

### **You Dunk, You Go! No dunking, grabbing/hanging on the rim, net or intentionally slapping the backboard.**


These are all for the safety of everyone involved and to preserve the facility/equipment. If you dunk, you will be ejected and multiple infractions will merit additional sanctions. Dunking is only permitted during officiated games such as Intramural or Club Sports games.

### **Zero Tolerance on Aggression Toward Others**

If you are aggressive toward others verbally or physically – consequences can include immediate ejection and short or long term or even permanent suspensions from the SFC. Maintaining a safe environment for all to feel comfortable in, is our top priority. It often doesn’t matter who started it; all involved will receive sanctions. Just don’t do it.

### **Wagering/Betting is Prohibited**

Sports wagering/betting (outside of an approved sports wagering facility) is a violation of Illinois



State Law. Sports wagering/betting is also in violation of the SIUE Conduct Code and SIUE Campus Recreation Department policy. Individuals found to be involved with betting/wagering can face internal/university and external/law enforcement sanctions.

**Food and Beverage**

Food and drink (other than water) may not be brought into activity areas. Water in a water bottle (not glass) is permitted.