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## Decoding the Court: Symbols and Parts of a Basketball Court

### Short Answer Key

1. The half-court line divides the court into two equal halves and is used to denote the boundary between the offensive and defensive zones.
2. The restricted area, located under the basket, prevents defensive players from drawing charging fouls when an offensive player drives to the basket.
3. The shot clock adds time pressure on teams, requiring them to attempt a shot within a specified time frame, thus influencing the pace of the game.
4. The team bench areas are located on the sidelines, opposite each other. These areas are typically occupied by players and coaching staff from each team.
5. The center circle is important as it is where the jump ball takes place at the beginning of the game. It determines which team gains the initial possession.

