

Basketball: Origins and Milestones

Basketball · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. In what year did Dr. James Naismith invent the game of basketball?

- A) 1888
- B) 1891**
- C) 1895
- D) 1898

2. What were the original 'hoops' used in the very first game of basketball?

- A) Metal rims with nets
- B) Peach baskets**
- C) Wooden boxes
- D) Rubber tires

3. Which professional basketball league was the first to merge with the NBL to form the modern NBA?

- A) ABA
- B) BAA**
- C) ABL
- D) PBLA

4. Who was the first player in NBA history to score 100 points in a single game?

- A) Wilt Chamberlain**
- B) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- C) Bill Russell
- D) Oscar Robertson

5. In 1967, which revolutionary piece of equipment was introduced to the ABA before being adopted by the NBA?

- A) The three-point line**
- B) The shot clock
- C) The backboard padding
- D) The breakaway rim

6. What city hosted the first official basketball game played by women in 1893?

- A) Northampton, Massachusetts**
- B) Springfield, Massachusetts
- C) New York City, New York
- D) Chicago, Illinois

7. Which team won the first-ever NBA championship in 1947?

- A) Boston Celtics
- B) Philadelphia Warriors**
- C) New York Knicks
- D) Chicago Stags

8. Who is credited with inventing the 'crossover' dribble move that became a staple of modern basketball?

- A) Oscar Robertson**
- B) Allen Iverson
- C) Tim Hardaway
- D) Earl Monroe

9. What year was the three-point line first implemented in the NBA?

- A) 1975
- B) 1979**
- C) 1982
- D) 1985

10. Which player was the first to be selected as the number one overall pick in the NBA Draft?

- A) Clifton McNeeley**
- B) Bob Cousy
- C) George Mikan
- D) Ed Macauley

11. In which decade was the shot clock first introduced to the NBA to speed up the game?

- A) 1940s
- B) 1950s**
- C) 1960s
- D) 1970s

12. Who was the first woman to be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame?

- A) Cheryl Miller
- B) Ann Meyers
- C) Senda Berenson**
- D) Nancy Lieberman

13. What was the first year that professional basketball players were allowed to compete in the Summer Olympics?

- A) 1984
- B) 1988
- C) 1992**
- D) 1996

14. The first official basketball 'dunk' is often attributed to which legendary player during his era?

- A) George Mikan
- B) Joe Fortenberry**
- C) Wilt Chamberlain
- D) Elgin Baylor

15. Which NBA team was the first to feature a mascot in professional basketball?

- A) Phoenix Suns**
- B) Boston Celtics
- C) Los Angeles Lakers
- D) Philadelphia 76ers