

BASKETBALL EVOLUTION & HISTORY

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Era / Year	Major Milestone	Historical Impact
1891	The Invention	Dr. James Naismith creates the game in Springfield, MA using peach baskets and 13 basic rules.
1936	Olympic Debut	Basketball is officially introduced as a medal sport at the Berlin Summer Games.
1946	NBA Founding	The Basketball Association of America (BAA) is formed, later merging to become the NBA.
1954	The Shot Clock	The 24-second clock is introduced to increase scoring and prevent stalling tactics.
1979	Three-Point Line	Adopted by the NBA to stretch defenses and reward long-range shooting accuracy.
1992	The Dream Team	Professional NBA players allowed in Olympics, sparking global explosion in popularity.
Modern Era	Analytics & Positionless	Shift toward high-volume 3PA, floor spacing, and versatile players who can play multiple roles.