

BASKETBALL SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Basketball, like many sports, has wrestled with homophobia, marked by derogatory slurs from athletes and a lack of openly LGBTQ+ players. The culture has been shifting, however, with leagues implementing sensitivity training and support systems, and figures like Jason Collins coming out, which has helped raise awareness and foster a more inclusive environment within the sport.

BASKETBALL SPACES

Thinking about the spaces that are specific to basketball and taking action in those spaces is a direct way to apply allyship principles to your sport.

- Locker Rooms
- Away Games
- On the Court
- In the Stands

COMMON ISSUES

- Toxic masculinity
- Homophobic slurs
- Derogatory locker room talk
- Personal fouls / roughness

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Statistics - Homophobia + Transphobia in Sport](#)
- [LGBTQ Guidance for Governing Bodies in Basketball](#)
- [Homophobia in Women's Intercollegiate Basketball](#)
- [Outcomes of Coming Out in Basketball](#)



TARGETTED FOULS

Basketball personal fouls include charging, blocking, reaching, and general personal fouls. LGBTQ+ players have often reported being the target of more personal fouls than cis / straight players. Being aware of the different types of physical aggression / fouls helps coaches and players avoid them entirely -- which is better for basketball's inclusion efforts and for your team's success.

