

Good morning.....

Correctable Errors....best way to handle them? Not have them! Sometimes they just happen and we MUST deal with them. Here is the rule....notice that 4 of the 5 correctable errors involve free throws...and a great diagram has been added to the rules book for us.

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Diagram



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ART. 1

Officials may correct an error if a rule is inadvertently set aside and results in:

- a. Failure to award a merited free throw.
- b. Awarding an unmerited free throw.
- c. Permitting a wrong player to attempt a free throw.
- d. Attempting a free throw at the wrong basket.
- e. Erroneously counting or canceling a score.

ART. 2

In order to correct any of the officials' errors listed in Article 1, such error must be recognized by an official no later than during the first dead ball after the clock has properly started.

ART. 3

If in Article 1e the error is made while the clock is running and the ball dead, it must be recognized by an official before the second live ball.



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ART. 4

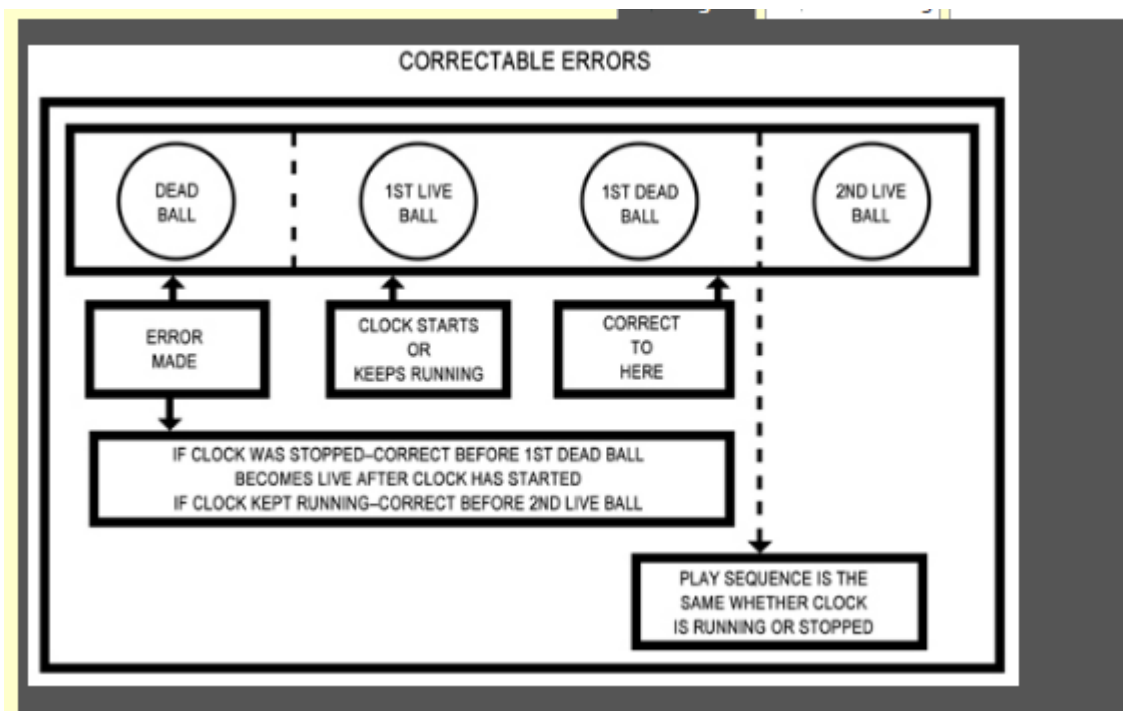
If the error is a free throw by the wrong player or at the wrong basket, or the awarding of an unmerited free throw, the free throw and the activity during it, other than unsporting, flagrant, intentional or technical fouls, shall be canceled.

ART. 5

Points scored, consumed time and additional activity, which may occur prior to the recognition of an error, shall not be nullified. Errors because of free-throw attempts by the wrong player or at the wrong basket shall be corrected by applying [8-1](#) and [8-2](#).

ART. 6

If an error is corrected, play shall be resumed from the point of interruption to rectify the error, unless it involves awarding a merited free throw(s) and there has been no change of team possession since the error was made, in which case play shall resume as after any free-throw attempt(s).



So in today's clip, a foul is called on white 4. It happened to also be his 5<sup>th</sup> foul and as he is walking off the floor, he rips his shirt out and is assessed a technical foul.....take a look at the clip [here](#) and see if you catch why it is a correctable error.

The sequence that caused the issue was as follows.....a foul is called on white 4, which happens to be his 5<sup>th</sup> foul. As the official was going to report the foul, white 4 rips his jersey out, so earns a technical foul on top of the 5<sup>th</sup>. (He had not become bench personnel yet, so the coach was not given an indirect.) We will now shoot four free throws and black gets the ball at the division line for a throw-in. After all four free throws were shot (and made), the officials realized that black 15 was NOT the player fouled on the initial shot who should have attempted the first two free throws. Since they were still in the correctable error time frame (clock was stopped so it is correctable before the ball becomes live after the first dead ball after the clock has properly started). The diagram above helps visualize the time frame quite well. Since it is correctable and they KNEW who SHOULD have shot the free throws, the two initial free throws by black 15 are taken off the board and out of the book and black 0, who was the shooter fouled, took the free throws then (and made 1 of 2). After the error was corrected, they played on from the throw-in for black since the ball had not changed possession.

ANY official/crew can get caught in a bad situation like this...all we can do is make sure we talk before starting the administration of it all to try to get it all correct. If it DOES happen, get it right by following the correctable error rule and timeframe! This crew did it very well and did get it right.

Remember, slow down, make sure we are calm when everyone else is amped up.....when a partner calls a T, go to him/her and make sure to calm him/her down and go through the sequence of events to follow so try to avoid an error. When it happens, get it right and explain the procedure to the coaches since they are probably very much in the dark as to what is happening!

Have a great game today and stay focused, be alive when the ball is dead, and safe travels!

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