

Good morning!

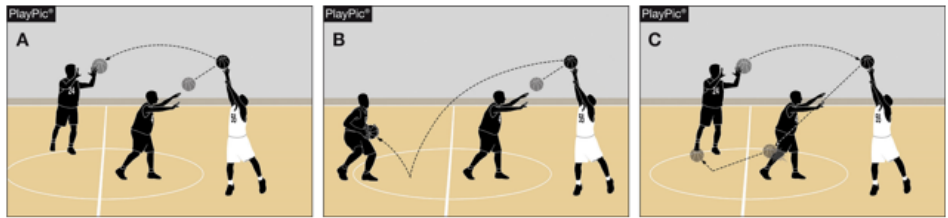
Hope you are ready!!! Tipoff EVE!!!!

Make sure to get a good night's sleep since most of us will have a VERY long two days!


Here is the backcourt clarification from the NFHS rules powerpoint.....

Editorial Change

## 9-9-1 EXCEPTION BACKCOURT



Updates language to read: "A ball in team control of Team A in the frontcourt that is deflected by a defensive player (PlayPic A), which causes the ball to go into the backcourt, may be recovered by either team (PlayPic B) unless the offense was the last to touch the ball before it went into the backcourt (PlayPic C). If the offense was last to touch the ball in its frontcourt, only the defense can legally recover the basketball.



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I had a clip sent to me last evening (thanks Noah Jordan....VA is using wide stripes now). Take a look at the clip [here](#). The clip is play pic A! This is a LEGAL play since it was touched by the defense last before being touched in the backcourt. EITHER team may recover the basketball in this situation.

Sooooo.....what happens if the 'C' KNOWS that the defense was the last to touch??? Is it a correctable error? Nope, it is not. Could it have been an inadvertent whistle? Sure could have. The C should run right to the calling official at T and offer the information that "the defense tipped the ball into the backcourt so either team may legally recover it." If the T does not buy your story, go with the original call and talk about it in the locker room. If the T believes you, change the call by calling both coaches to you in front of the table and explain what happened and why you are changing the call. The green team who WOULD have received the ball may not be happy but 'coach, we would do the same thing to correct a call that was in your favor also.' Take the ball out at the nearest spot to where the ball was when the whistle was blown.

Most coaches want us to get the calls right and will thank us for doing so. That being said, we do NOT want 5 'inadvertent whistles' each game! This should be a rare occurrence that we see maybe a time or two each SEASON! Bottom line is....GET THE CALL RIGHT!!!!

Hope you have an enjoyable last pre-season day and spend some time with your loved ones before they forget what you look like for 3 months!

Tim