

Good morning! Hope you are making it through the week well and all ready for the holidays.....

The last couple clips has created some good discussion! Two days ago was the player being OOB and coming back in and touching the ball. Just a few case plays to remind us that a player MAY legally be the last to touch the ball, go OOB, then return and also recover the ball before anyone else touches it.....the key is that the player's *momentum* must take him/her OOB.....he/she make not step OOB voluntarily. Is this judgment? Many times, yes.....here are the case plays:

7.1.1 SITUATION B:

A1 blocks a pass near the end line. The ball falls to the floor inbounds, but A1, who is off balance, steps off the court. A1 returns inbounds, secures control of the ball and dribbles.

RULING: Legal. A1 did not leave the court voluntarily and did not have control of the ball when he/she did. This situation is similar to one in which A1 makes a try from under the basket and momentum carries A1 off the court. If the try is unsuccessful, A1 may come back onto the court and regain control since A1 did not leave the court voluntarily and did not have control of the ball when he/she did.

7.1.1 SITUATION C:

A1 blocks a pass near the sideline and the ball goes into A1's front court. A1's momentum carries him/her out of bounds. He/she immediately returns inbounds, secures control of the ball, dribbles, shoots, and scores.

RULING: Legal. (4-35-1a; 7-1-2; 9-3)

7.1.1 SITUATION D:

A1 jumps from inbounds to retrieve an errant pass near a boundary line. A1 catches the ball while in the air and tosses it back to the court. A1 lands out of bounds and (a) is the first to touch the ball after returning inbounds; (b) returns inbounds and immediately dribbles the ball; or (c) picks up the ball after returning to the court and then begins a dribble.

RULING: Legal in (a) and (b). Illegal in (c) as the controlled toss of the ball to the court by A1 constitutes the start of a dribble, dribbling a second time after picking up the ball is an illegal dribble violation. (4-15-5; 4-15-6d; 4-35; 9-5)

OK, on to the play for today.....being ready for anything is tough to do but we CAN be ready to react to it. Just as the plays the last couple days CAN catch us off guard, recognizing what just happened allows us to put air in the whistle (or NOT put it in) and make the correct call. I have seen a few clips posted on media sources lately in which the angle from the camera and the angle the official had are almost complete opposites. We ALL know angles mean a TON and being able to actually SEE what happened. If we do not SEE it, we are guessing. Today's clip is another one of those that we need to recognize when it happens. Thanks to Craig Bradley, the D-3 Basketball Rules Interpreter. Craig makes the call here also.....after he spits his whistle out and puts it back in!!! If we do not admit that we have done that at some point, we are fibbing or have just started officiating!!! Take a look at the clip [here](#).....

The defender did NOT play the ball here. THAT may be a split second question we ask ourselves as we blow the whistle, and if the answer in "NO" like in this play, Intentional foul!!! YES!!!! GREAT get here. In the view of Craig, he saw the defender make NO play on the ball, and in fact, grab the shooter with two hands. Think about the view from Lead on this, not the camera angle.....it would be MUCH more clear that there was no play on the ball.....again, all about angles.

So how do we resume play here? Intentional foul would be two shots to the player who was fouled (it would be 3 shots if intentionally fouled on a missed three-point attempt), then black gets the ball OOB nearest the spot of the foul. What happens if the shot had gone in on the intentional foul?? What about

on a three-point attempt that goes in?? We COUNT the good goal AND award two free throws.....casebook 4.19.3.A:

4.19.3 SITUATION A:

B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting: (a) a successful two-point or three-point try; (b) an unsuccessful two-point try; or (c) an unsuccessful three-point try.

RULING: In (a) and (b), A1 is awarded two free throws. In (c), A1 is awarded three free throws. In all situations following the free throws, Team A is awarded a throw-in at the out-of-bounds spot nearest the foul.

Hope you have a great game this evening!

Tim