

Good morning everyone. Amazing that we are finishing the next to last week of the regular season. Don't take it for granted! Work the final games hard the rest of the way!

Today's tip.....team control or not? All I want to focus on is team control...please go along with the call that WHITE committed the loose ball foul. Are we shooting at red's end for bonus free throws or not? Take a look at the clip [here](#).

So are we shooting at red's end or not? Team control is included in rule 4-12 as follows:

ART. 1

A player is in control of the ball when he/she is holding or dribbling a live ball. There is no player control when, during a jump ball, a jumper catches the ball prior to the ball touching the floor or a non-jumper, or during an interrupted dribble.

ART. 2

A team is in control of the ball:

- a. When a player of the team is in control.
- b. While a live ball is being passed among teammates.
- c. During an interrupted dribble.
- d. When a player of the team has disposal of the ball for a throw-in.

ART. 3

Team control continues until:

- a. The ball is in flight during a try or tap for goal.
- b. An opponent secures control.
- c. The ball becomes dead.

ART. 4

While the ball remains live a loose ball always remains in control of the team whose player last had control, unless it is a try or tap for goal.

ART. 5

Team control does not exist during a jump ball or the touching of a rebound, but is re-established when a player secures control.

ART. 6

Neither team control nor player control exists during a dead ball, a jump ball or when the ball is in flight during a try or tap for goal.

So what do we have here? From articles 2, 3 and 4, since we had an interrupted dribble and was last controlled by white and red never gained control, we continue to have white team control. Now, since white committed that foul, we now have a TEAM CONTROL foul and no free throws. This should have been a sideline throw-in, not a one-and-one free throw situation for red.

As partners, we need to make sure that we have it right as a crew. How bad is it to just go TALK to the calling official and talk the play through. Kicking a rule is one thing we do NOT want to happen as a crew and if we can avoid it by talking, we MUST do it. Coaches, assigners and our officiating brothers and sisters all want us to get it right.

Slow down, think about what we saw and talk if we need to.

Have a great game tonight, safe travels and remember, do something special for your better half this weekend since many of us will be working a game next Tuesday.....Valentine's Day for those who also forget anniversaries!

Tim