

Good morning!

Hope all is well and you are ready for a full slate of games this evening!

Shooting vs a common foul. Take a look at rule 4-41-3:

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The try starts when the player begins the motion which habitually precedes the release of the ball.

Is this a shooting or common foul? [Here](#) is the clip. Has the ball handler started the motion which habitually precedes the release of the ball? I would argue that from this particular angle, yes. The NBA calls it 'gathering' the ball. From the official's angle it may have looked different. If in doubt, there is nothing wrong with asking a partner if she was shooting...we just do not want to ask a partner on every foul! If a coach asks why there are free throws a proper response might be 'what else was she going to do with when she was fouled?'

Have a great game today and read some plays from the casebook!

If you have a clip to volunteer, please do!

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