

Good morning!

Hope all is well...please be safe on the roads this weekend.

Today's clip – a baseline throw-in for white. A teammate goes the opposite way on the throw-in than the thrower-in expected, the ball is tipped into the backcourt by white themselves and white goes into the backcourt and is first to touch by grabbing the ball....legal? YES! Look at the clip [here](#) (white DOES tip the ball before it goes into the backcourt). In fact, here is this the exact play from the 2011-12 NFHS Rules Interps.

2011-12 NFHS Basketball Rules Interpretations

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SITUATION 5: A1 has the ball for an end-line throw-in in his/her frontcourt. A1's pass to A2, who is in the frontcourt standing near the division line, is high and deflects off A2's hand and goes into Team A's backcourt. A2 is then the first to control the ball in Team A's backcourt. **RULING:** Legal. There is no backcourt violation since player and team control had not yet been established in Team A's frontcourt before the ball went into Team A's backcourt. The throw-in ends when A2 legally touches the ball, but the backcourt count does not start until A2 gains control in his/her backcourt. (4-12-2d; 9-9)

And here is the play in our current case book!

4.12.2 SITUATION B:

During a throw-in by A-1 from the end line by Team A's basket: (a) A2 is in the restricted lane area for four seconds of the throw-in count; or (b) the throw-in is touched by A2 before it goes across the division line where it is recovered by A3.

RULING: Legal in (a) and (b), even though Team A is in team control during the throw-in. There is no three-second count in (a) since team control had not yet been established in Team A's frontcourt. There is no backcourt violation in (b) since team control had not yet been established in team A's frontcourt before the ball went into Team A's backcourt. The throw-in ends when A2 legally touches the ball, but the backcourt count does not start until A3 gains control in his/her backcourt. (9-7, 9-8, 9-9)

The reason for this is that team control on a throw-in is for the purpose of fouls only! Team control is not established until we have player control, which occurred in the backcourt on this play. The throw-in legally ended upon the touch by white in the frontcourt and the clock starts, but team control (and the backcourt count) began on the gaining of player control in the backcourt. Correct no-call by the crew here.

Friday Extra: The voice...USE IT ON AN OUT OF BOUNDS CALL! We ARE to say the direction of the ball on an OOB as well as signal with the hand. When we aren't confident with the hand, YELLING the color first gives a little pause to get the hand going in the right direction. USE THE VOICE to sell calls like this also!

Have a great game today and safe travels!

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