

Good morning!

Today's clip is of the jump ball to start the game. There are several issues that occur in it. We have a 6'4" girl and a 5'8" girl jumping. Take a look at this opening jump [HERE](#).

First, how was the toss? 6.3.4 says that 'the toss shall be to a height greater than either of them can jump so that it will drop between them.' This is exactly what happened in this toss. It appears that it is legal and should not be blown back.

Second, when does the jump ball end? 4.28.2 says the jump ball ends when 'the touched ball contacts a nonjumper, an official or the floor.' The ball WAS touched on the way down by each jumper once, then hits the floor. Once it hits the floor, the jump administration ends and either jumper may now possess the ball legally. The black jumper gained possession of the ball legally since it hit the floor.

Third, the black jumper who possessed the ball is standing completely within her front court, so now we have front court status.

Next, the black jumper possessing the ball passes it to a teammate across the division line – in her back court. We now have a violation. The R blows the whistle for the violation (after processing all that has happened).

So now that we have possession off the jump then a violation, who gets the arrow and where is the resumption of play throw-in?

Since black possessed the ball initially, white will get the arrow to start the game. If black had not violated, white obviously would get the arrow. Nothing changes even though black only possessed the ball briefly.

The resumption of play requires us to determine where the violation by black occurred. It occurred in black's back court, so white gets the ball. This is also *white's front court* so we had a stoppage of play for a violation. In this case, white gets a throw-in at the nearest of the 4 designated spots. The nearest of the 4 designated spots in this case is the 28-foot mark opposite the table.

There was a TON happening here and we need to *know* everything about the opening jump and get it right! This shows that we are on top of our game!

Tuesday extra: Having a pregame conference cannot be emphasized enough. Talking about what is known about each team, philosophy about drives from C (or T), asking for help, rim play, the list goes on and on. MAKE SURE to have a pregame conference *every game*!

Have a great game tonight!

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