

Good morning!

Hope everyone is 'recovered' from tip-off weekend and ready for the full slate of games tonight. Many schools played last night.....amazes me that a significant number of teams have 3 of their 22 games already played in the first 3 play dates of the season.

Today's topic....team control.....think about team control/when it ends/when it does not exist. Now, think about both teams in the bonus, team A has the ball in their front court and B knocks the ball loose. There is a 'scrum' for the ball and a foul called on A.....are we shooting free throws? Did team control end for A? Did B gain possession? Did B gain possession *before the foul occurred?*

Rule 4-12-1 is 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.

As we can see in article 4, during a loose ball, the last TEAM in control remains in control until a player on the opposing team gains control. THAT is critical to determining if we have free throws or not. This happens.....happened in my first game of the season....my partners and I are hoping to get a copy of the film to see if we were right. Will we get it right the next time? We sure better! Bottom line...learn from what happens in your/our games.

Take a look at the clip today to determine if you have bonus free throws on the foul.....take a look [here](#).

Answer to yesterday's quiz question.....YES.

Today's quiz question:

2. During an alternating possession throw-in by A-1, A-1 commits a throw-in violation. The official awards the ball to Team B and rules Team A retains the arrow. Is the official correct? 2. Yes No

Have a great game today!

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