

Good morning!!!

Friday of the second week, hopefully you are still healthy and excited for games!

Think about what you might have on this play [here](#).

## **SECTION 25 HELD BALL**

**A held ball occurs when:**

**ART. 1 . . .** Opponents have their hands so firmly on the ball that control cannot be obtained without undue roughness.

**ART. 2 . . .** An opponent places his/her hand(s) on the ball and prevents an airborne player from throwing the ball or releasing it on a try or tap for field goal.

I have always heard different opinions about a hand on the ball by a defender on a shot about whether it is a held ball or travel. Rule 4-25-2 makes it pretty clear. The associated case play makes it clear also. The issue comes in when the defender has a hand on the ball so it cannot be released then takes it off before the offensive player returns to the floor. *In my opinion*, this is still a held ball because an offensive player was prevented for releasing the ball. This is similar to two opponents who both have 'possession' on a potential held ball and one rips it away and falls to the floor with the ball. Again, *in my opinion*, the held ball caused the travel when falling to the floor, so we have a held ball. This whistle can seemingly be 'late' but comes when the 'violation' happened. Another analogy is when contact on a ball handler causes the ball handler to violate or lose the ball.....the contact is a foul.

Hopefully this play creates discussion with your crew tonight or your chapter at the next meeting! TALKING about plays is awesome....

Friday Extra: In your pregame conference, ask your partner(s) what ONE thing they are working on tonight and tell them what you are working on also!

Have a great game tonight!

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