

Good morning!

After the past couple clips, how about one a little more straight forward (I hope)! I was actually asked about this play earlier this season....and many of us have never seen it, but we all know it could happen! Take a look [here](#).

So the ball lodges on a free throw.....pretty tough for that to happen! This is proof that it CAN happen! Here is the rule for the AP.....6.4:

#### **SECTION 4 ALTERNATING POSSESSION**

**ART. 1 . . .** Other than the start of the game and each extra period, the teams will alternate taking the ball out of bounds for a throw-in. The team obtaining control from the jump ball establishes the alternating-possession procedure, and the arrow is set toward the opponent's basket. Control may also be established by the results of a violation or foul, as in Rule 4-3.

**ART. 2 . . .** To start the second, third and fourth quarters, the throw-in shall be from out of bounds at the division line opposite the scorer's and timer's table.

**ART. 3 . . .** Alternating-possession throw-ins shall be from the out-of-bounds spot nearest to where the ball was located. An alternating-possession throw-in shall result when:

- a. A held ball occurs.
- b. The ball goes out of bounds, as in Rule 7-3.
- c. Simultaneous floor or free-throw violations occur.
- d. A live ball lodges between the backboard and ring or comes to rest on the flange, unless a free throw or throw-in follows.
- e. Opponents commit simultaneous basket-interference violations.

f. The point of interruption cannot be determined as in Rule 4-36-2c.

**NOTE:** When the alternating-possession procedure has not been established, the jump ball shall be in the center restraining circle between the two players involved in the subsequent action.

**ART. 4 . . .** The direction of the possession arrow is reversed immediately after an alternating-possession throw-in ends. An alternating-possession throw-in ends when the throw-in ends, as in Rule 4-42-5.

**ART. 5 . . .** The opportunity to make an alternating-possession throw-in is lost if the throw-in team violates. If either team fouls during an alternating-possession throw-in, it does not cause the throw-in team to lose the possession arrow. If the defensive team commits a violation during the throw-in, the possession arrow is not switched.

Regardless of being a free throw or not, this is an AP situation UNLESS another free throw/throws follow. If this was the last free throw of two, the last of three or the front end of a one-and-one, we would use the AP arrow to determine the team who gets the ball. The rationale for this is that either team COULD have gained control of the rebound so the arrow determines it.

If this were the first free throw of two or the first or second of three, we would just shoot the remaining free throw(s) since it is not a violation, it falls under 6.4.3.d.

Hope you have a great game tonight!

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