

Good morning! Hope all is well and the first week is going well for you.

Today's tip deals with a player going OOB (without the ball) and coming back in and touching the ball. What does the player need to do to re-establish him/herself inbounds in order to touch the ball legally? He/she must touch the floor with ONE foot to be considered inbounds. Here is the article in the rules book:

ART. 1

The location of a player or nonplayer is determined by where the person is touching the floor as far as being:

- a. Inbounds or out-of-bounds.
- b. In the frontcourt or backcourt.
- c. Outside (behind/beyond) or inside the three-point field-goal line.

Notice that player location as far as inbounds and out of bounds is solely determined by where the player is touching.....it has NO requirement for two feet, etc. Obviously if a player is touching both in *and* out of bounds, the player is ruled out, but if the player is in the air, touches inbounds and THEN touches the ball, it is legal.

Take a look at the clip [here](#). OBVIOUSLY the Wisconsin player did NOT re-establish himself inbounds. We was still in the air when he caught the ball. I suspect the issue here is that the L, who was opposite the play, got screen by the Kentucky player. Notice that he DID point to the floor, seeming to indicate that he saw the Wisconsin player re-establish himself inbounds. The question is what happens if L does what this lead does (saw the player re-establish inbounds)? There are two options here.....1) center comes and helps IF HE IS POSITIVE that the player did not re-establish or 2) center can NOT help and we must go with the call as made.

Being incorrect, AND the fact that John Calipari had the perfect angle and was watching the ball, we are going to take some heat for it. I am not advocating that C come 'help' multiple times per game, but in a play like this when it may be likely that L was the only one in the gym that missed it, there is no problem with C helping to get the play correct if he saw it. Personally, I WANT my center to help me if I missed that obvious of a play.

TALK about helping each other in pregame. A good pregame does wonders!

Have a great game tonight and remember to talk about your goal for the year and your partner's!

Tim