

Good morning!

Starting the actual game...the jump ball.....easy right?! HA! Here are 4 games played recently that had something happen on the jump ball to start the game...stick with me here!!!!

Click [here](#) for the jump ball in a college game...NOT a 7th grade game in a middle school gym! How about THAT to start a game! So what do you have? NOTHING! All legal! Great toss! The white jumper obviously did not know if he could legally catch the ball after it had hit another player....then the ball is batted around until red gains control while on the floor! All legal! Gotta be ready for anything, even at the major college level!

Click [here](#) for a held ball off the jump ball. Great toss here as well! The whistle blew when there is a held ball. So.....was there player control before the held ball? The crew ruled there was not and it was right in front of U1, so since she had a great look, we will go with no player control. It actually looks like white 12 is close to player control but black 12 has her hands on the ball as well and no player control ruled. The held ball is whistled between white 1 (not an original jumper) and black 50 (an original jumper). How do we resume play since the arrow has not been established? We would resume play with another jump ball in the center circle between white 1 and black 50, the players who resulted in the held ball.

Click [here](#) for a toss issue. What do you have on this toss? Officials I have seen the play with are split...some say the toss was stolen by black 2 and others say the toss was not high enough (that the ball was at its peak already). The U1 on this game had the R re-toss since he felt the toss was at its peak and needed to be higher. As the U1, you need to be able to explain the rationale for your whistle and if a re-toss, why....and if a violation, why. Re-tossing is easy. A violation would be a throw-in in this play by white at the division line opposite the table.

Click [here](#) for possession with a possible violation. How about this gaining of player control off the jump? Did white 35 have control before he stepped in the backcourt? TOUGH one here! The officials here ruled that no player control existed and they played on with white getting the ball and red the arrow. Breaking this down, it rally appears that white 35 was bobbling the ball as he stepped into the backcourt. In addition, the R had the red jumper as well as white 35's back between him and the ball, so could not determine player control or not. U2 had even more people between him and the play and could not help. U1 had probably the best look but red 10 was directly between him and the potential player control. Great job here by not guessing by any of the crew.

So the bottom line is that we need to be prepared on the jump ball for anything that might happen, do not assume it will go off without a hitch!

Friday Extra: When the jump ball DOES go off without a hitch, the R should glance at the table to make sure the arrow is set correctly and then up at the clock to make sure that it has started. Discuss this briefly in pregame to make sure everyone is aware of it....and if someone else is designated with the responsibility, fine!

Have a great game tonight and safe travels!

Tim