

Good morning! Hope you had a great game last evening.....and weather cooperated with your travels!

So a player is out of bounds and the ball is near the boundary line.....what does the player need to do in order to 're-establish' him/herself inbounds to legally touch the ball? Take a look at the clip [here](#) where black 12 is OOB and gets one foot down inbounds and grabs the ball.

Legal or illegal? This is LEGAL!!!! Here is the definition of player location:

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.

ART. 2

When a player is touching the backcourt, out of bounds or the three-point line, the player is located in backcourt, out of bounds or inside the three-point line, respectively.

ART. 3

The location of an airborne player with reference to the three factors of Article 1 is the same as at the time such player was last in contact with the floor or an extension of the floor, such as a bleacher.

Since black 12 had one foot INBOUNDS, she was NOT OUT of bounds! The definition of player location does NOT say anything about TWO feet. Remember, it takes just TOUCHING to be OOB and it also takes just TOUCHING to be INBOUNDS! (If touching BOT inbounds as well as OOB at the same time certainly means the player is OOB).

Case play 4.35.1 is:

**4.35.1 SITUATION:**

Thrower A1 inbounds the ball to A2. A2 immediately throws the ball back to A1. When A1 touches the pass, he/she has: (a) both feet touching inbounds; (b) one foot touching inbounds and one out of bounds; or (c) one foot touching inbounds and the other not touching the floor.

**RULING:** The ball remains live in (a) and (c), but A1 has caused the ball to be out of bounds in (b). (4-4-4, 4-36-3)

Thursday Extra: When resuming play and before putting the ball at the disposal of the thrower-in, the official inbounding the ball needs to make sure that:

- 1) The timer is ready – make eye contact with (or point to) him/her to confirm (hopefully he/she will give a head nod or thumbs up),
- 2) 'sweep the floor' to your partner(s) to confirm that each is ready and has no hand up to keep play from resuming
- 3) COUNT THE PLAYERS (even if you designated others to do it)

Once this has been done, we put the ball at the disposal of the thrower-in and after the throw-in legally ends with live play, make sure the clock starts properly. If it was an AP (alternating possession) throw-in, make sure that the arrow changes also.

Have a great game tonight and safe travels!

Tim