



Good morning! Hope all is well and you are ready for a full slate of games tonight!

Just a follow-up from yesterday's tip and feedback from it.....get film and WATCH it! Look at not only the play calling but crew positioning, communication, the list goes on and on. In addition, ask a veteran official or someone you respect to come to a game and evaluate you. Seeing a game live is a little different than on film. If you aren't sure who could get to your game to evaluate, ask you chapter or district interpreter who might be available. Make sure that you are not just looking for an evaluation of everything good, you have to be prepared sot 'items to think about' as well! SELF evaluate but ask for outside evaluation also!

Today's tip.....one of those rules that MOST fans, and some officials, do not know. Can the ball hit the top of the backboard? YES! It may bounce on the top of the backboard, roll across the top of the backboard and then come off and even into the hoop and count as a goal by our rules. What can NOT be considered in-bounds is touching a pipe, support, wire, cable, etc, touch the back of the backboard or pass over a rectangular backboard (if the ball would roll or bounce on the top and fall off the back, we have OOB). Here is the rule cited:

Currently Viewing: 7-1-1

 Case Ruling  Link to Article

ART. 1

A player is out of bounds when he/she touches the floor, or any object other than a player/person, on or outside a boundary. For location of a player in the air, see 4-35.

ART. 2

The ball is out of bounds:

- a. When it touches or is touched by:
 - 1. A player who is out of bounds.
 - 2. Any other person, the floor, or any object on or outside a boundary.
 - 3. The supports or back of the backboard.
 - 4. The ceiling, overhead equipment or supports.
- b. When it passes over a rectangular backboard.

Take a look at the clip [here](#).....legal and the free throw should count.....even though the fans would erupt! Sometimes the 'easiest' plays/rules can be tough if we are not positive.....take a few minutes today to read a few rules and the corresponding case plays! Doing that each day helps immensely and gets plays in our head and knowing rules more confidently.

Have a great game today and be safe.

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