Good morning!

So we have a held ball and before the throw-in ends, we have a foul......how do we resume play? What happens to the arrow? Take a look at this exact play <u>here</u>.

There is a TON....a TON that could be discussed just in regards to a throw-in, when it begins and when it ends. That is not the goal with this particular play, having a foul DURING (after the throw-in starts and before it ends) the throw-in. Take a look at rule 6-4 and here is 6-4-5:

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.

So in our play, we have an AP throw-in – that HAS started – then a foul BEFORE the throw-in ends. By rule, white would get the new throw-in due to the foul by red and white retains the arrow (it does not switch). Even if white had committed a foul (illegal screen, etc), the arrow remains with white.

In this play, the L has great mechanics on the held ball – he has an open hand to stop the clock, then the thumbs to indicate a held ball. He does not need to look at the arrow on the table since he either knows the direction OR he sees/hears T indicating the direction of the arrow. The table-side officials should NOT turn to look at the arrow since that would mean we are turning our heads away from players. Trust that the official(s) opposite the table will help if needed. TALK about that as a reminder in your pregame conference! On the throw-in for the foul, L again appropriately signals the foul in his own primary. When he goes to the table, he should have come to a complete stop to report. The C replaces him and the T is monitoring players. In a two-person game, when the T goes to replace the L while he reports the foul, the T needs to keep eyes on the players....just in case.....

READ rule 6-4 about the AP arrow! There is a lot there!

Wednesday extra: When reporting a foul, and after stopping in the reporting area, *make eye contact* with the official scorer. One tip that helps is to ask the official scorer if he/she knows that his/her most important job is to *look at us* when we report a foul. If the scorer is not looking, do not report.....wait. Sooner or later the timer will elbow the scorer to look. Do not allow the scorers or timer to be on their phones (except the timer to use it for timeout length).

Have a great game tonight!

Tim