

Good morning! Welcome to the first edition of the “Tip of the Day” 2018-19!

ARE YOU READY?! Well we have MANY parts of the season to be ready for.....am I physically ready for the grind I am about to enter into? Am I ready to be on the road night in and night out (and is my family ready for that)? Is my transportation ready (NOT always supposed to be a partner’s vehicle!)? Am I mentally ready for the season? MANY parts to think about before we actually hit the floor.

WHEN we hit the floor and the ball goes in the air, are we ready right away or are we assuming the jump is recovered and we settle in for our first offensive half court set of the season.....think about what can/does happen on occasion.....

Some teams have scoring plays off the jump ball and we need to be prepared. Sometimes a foul occurs ON the jump ball. Are we aware of what all the players on the circle can do? (They may back off of the circle and be legal) What can the players OFF the circle do? (They may not move onto the circle before the toss is touched) What can the jumpers do? Can they recover a tipped ball? Can they tip the ball more than once? MANY good questions.....and after the ball is recovered legally.....are we ‘off the hook’? NOPE! Take a look at today’s clip [here](#) to see a play that happened recently in a women’s college game to one of our fellow officials (thanks for the clip Ron Leeds).

Ron tosses the ball, it is recovered and there is a back court violation on black. Ron is on top of the play and gets the violation on blackNOW the hard part happens.....MAKE SURE to give it to white *going the correct direction*. On the opening tip, we can mistakenly give the ball to the ‘correct’ team going the ‘wrong’ way. SLOW DOWN and get it right! Remember that the ball is inbounded nearest the spot of a back court violation, not always at midcourt.

In a three-person game, the R would be going to new lead after the violation, as would the R in a two-person game.

Remember to take time to let your family know this week how much they are appreciated for supporting you in this great avocation we are in. On a similar note, welcome and HELP any new officials that have joined your chapter. If your chapter is like mine, losing people who were great contributors happens yearly....my chapter is fortunate to have gained 3 young officials who have unlimited potential and will get their share of games for sure!

Have a great scrimmage today!

Tim