

Good morning!

Waking up to even more snow here in the NW just reminds me it is basketball season.....VERY glad MOST games went on over the weekend! Hopefully yours went well....but if yours was/were like mine, you had at least one play that you HAD to talk about at the half or after the game. WEIRD stuff happened already too!

Speaking of weird.....If you have officiated more than just this past weekend, you almost certainly had a ball lodge between the ring and backboard, yes? And the ruling? Easy right? We go to the arrow for an AP throw-in.....*but what if it happens on a free throw?*

Rule 6-4 is:

ART. 1

Other than the start of the game and each extra period, the teams will alternate taking the ball out of bounds for a throw-in. The team obtaining control from the jump ball establishes the alternating-possession procedure, and the arrow is set toward the opponent's basket. Control may also be established by the results of a violation or foul, as in 4-3.

ART. 2

To start the second, third and fourth quarters, the throw-in shall be from out of bounds at the division line opposite the scorer's and timer's table.

ART. 3

Alternating-possession throw-ins shall be from the out-of-bounds spot nearest to where the ball was located. An alternating-possession throw-in shall result when:

- a. A held ball occurs.
- b. The ball goes out of bounds, as in 7-3.
- c. Simultaneous floor or free-throw violations occur.
- d. A live ball lodges between the backboard and ring or comes to rest on the flange, unless a free throw or throw-in follows.

ART. 4

The direction of the possession arrow is reversed immediately after an alternating-possession throw-in ends. An alternating-possession throw-in ends when the throw-in ends as in 4-42-5.

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.

Soooo...if a free throw attempt lodges between the ring and backboard, we have a couple cases.....

- 1) If the free throw was the first of two or the first or second of three free throws, we just get the ball down and shoot the remaining free throw(s).
- 2) If the free throw was the last of a shooting foul OR the first of a one-and-one, we use the arrow to determine the throw-in since both teams HAD the opportunity off a rebound to gain possession, but neither team COULD gain possession due to the lodging.

Let's take it a step further.....what happens if A1 shoots the ball on a try and is fouled by B1 but the ball lodges between the ring and backboard? If you ruled that we award two free throws and resume play as normal, you would be correct. The AP arrow means nothing here since a free throw is following the lodging of the ball (as in article 3 above).

Weird things happen in your game? If so, I would LOVE to have a video clip of it and your ruling.

Check out this question from the IAABO rules refresher test also (thanks Robert Woods for access to it)....answer coming tomorrow!

1. After A-1 releases the ball on a free throw, B-1, in a marked lane space, steps into the free-throw lane, steps across the free-throw line and contacts A-1 before the ball hits the ring or backboard. The free throw contacts the ring but is unsuccessful. The official rules a violation on Team B and assesses B-1 with a personal foul. Is the official correct?
1. Yes No

Take a look at today's clip by going [here](#).

Have a GREAT game tonight.....keep stretching before games and have a thorough pre-game conference!

Tim