

Good morning!

Another potential 'caught off guard' play thanks to Noah Jordan for the clip. Take a look [here!](#)

White 4 dribbles down the lane line and gathers the ball in the air (either foot may now be the pivot foot) and attempts to jump stop. His left foot plants and his right foot slides, making the left foot the pivot foot. *Even if you disagree with me on all of this*, the point of the clip today is the touching of the ball to the floor.

4.15 - Dribble - Legal and Illegal Movement

It is not possible for a player to travel during a dribble. A player is not dribbling while slapping the ball during a jump, when a pass rebounds from his/her hand, when he/she fumbles, or when he/she bats a rebound or pass away from other players who are attempting to get it. The player is not in control under these conditions. It is a dribble when a player stands still and bounces the ball. It is not a dribble when a player stands still and holds the ball and touches it to the floor once or more than once.

We may split hairs here on the last statement, but if we are not positive he is moving when he touches the ball to the floor, we must say that he is standing still. It may not be the typical standing still since he has lost his balance, but if we have to look at it more than once to determine if he really is moving, then *live* he is not. Since he had ended his dribble and we agree to say that the 'jump stop' with the right foot sliding is legal, then touching the ball to the floor is not a dribble (or anything else). This play LOOKS ugly but live (and with replay) is a legal play!

Remember that we don't have the luxury of video review OR slo-mo. If our 'minds eye' can slow down plays, we are much better play callers. The best of the best of us are exceptional at it. Watching film and seeing plays and reviewing them helps a ton!

For example, we generally KNOW that 90% of spin moves are travels, but if we cannot SEE the travel live, we cannot call it. In addition, if we CALL a travel on a spin move because we know 90% of them are illegal, then we are wrong 10% of the time. I am definitely not happy with that. Angel Reese finished a spin move in her game against Alabama on Sunday completely legal!!! Take a look [here!](#)

Thursday Extra: There are TONS of games live streamed on YouTube, local media outlets, NFHS Network, school broadcasting clubs, etc. WATCH a game and look at interesting plays! Those on YouTube are easier to rewind or fast forward 10 seconds....the NFHS Network isn't super user friendly, but the opportunity is there!

Thursday Bonus: Now is the time to be looking for camps being offered this summer. There are free three-person camps offered for newer officials to learn 3-person exclusively. There are all levels of college camps offered. Think about your goals and what you can do this summer to help meet those goals this summer!

Have a GREAT last day of the season eve!

Tim