

Good morning!

A play for thought – an explained play instead of a video clip to start!

Play – A1 jumps to save an errant pass near the sideline, grabs the ball as running towards the sideline, throws it back onto the court, A1 continues out of bounds then stops, returns to the court inbounds and grabs the ball. Ruling: LEGAL! If the player did not voluntarily leave the court (on his/her own volition) then a player's momentum/losing balance is a legal reason to leave the court and return and be the first to touch. We need to remember that tossing the ball back onto the court and it hitting the floor is the start of a dribble!

Now, take a look at the clips below:

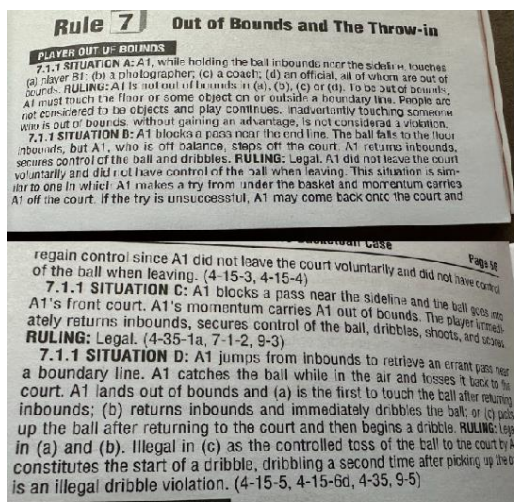
[Clip 1](#)

[Clip 2](#)

Clip 1: Blue 3 rebounded a free throw near the baseline. He was falling OOB and dropped the ball and went OOB. First, dropping the ball starts a dribble. What is he permitted to do when re-establishing inbounds (only need one foot inbounds and the other not touching OOB to re-establish)? He could have continued to dribble the ball OR grabbed the ball and passed (or shoot). He could NOT grab the ball and start a dribble since it would be a double dribble – tossing the ball back inbounds constituted the start of a dribble. He did not know the rule he does now and is a new Jr official! In addition, but not related to the topic here, he committed a holding foul by his actions to prevent white from getting to the ball!

Clip 2: White 14 was dribbling up the sideline, avoided a defender and her momentum carried her OOB. She just let the ball continue bouncing, so her dribble never ended. She came back inbounds and IS permitted to be the first to touch the ball again (after re-establishing with at least one foot inbounds and the other not touching OOB). She COULD have grabbed the ball and passed or shot, but grabbing and dribbling would be a double dribble violation. She also could have continued dribbling right away after re-establishing inbounds.

Here are a few case plays that are similar – but SEEING it makes all the difference!



Thursday extra: Table instructions.....MAKE SURE to talk with both scorekeepers and the timer. TALK to them! Make sure the timer knows we need a horn on ALL subs, even if we see the sub and blow the whistle! Remind the timer not to put fouls on the board before we report! These are repeats but timers need it repeated over and over also!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim