

Good morning! I hop you are safe and sound with the weather from the weekend.

Take a look at an opening jump ball [here](#).

Rule 6.3.7 and 4.28.2 are:

ART. 7 . . . Neither jumper shall:

- a. Touch the tossed ball before it reaches its highest point.
- b. Leave the center restraining circle until the ball has been touched.
- c. Catch the ball before the jump ball ends.
- d. Touch the ball more than twice.

ART. 2 . . . The jump ball begins when the ball leaves the official's hand(s) and ends when the touched ball contacts a nonjumper, an official or the floor.

We obviously have a violation on the jump since the white jumper catches the tipped ball before it hits the floor, an official or a non-jumper.

We then have a back court violation as well.

We need to be ready from the opening tip to get violations and fouls. This should have been a violation on white 34, red would get the ball at the 28-foot line in their back court opposite the table since the violation happened closest to that designated spot. In addition, red would get the arrow since white had the first possession. IF we had missed the jump ball violation but whistled the backcourt violation, red would already have the arrow (and keep it) and red would get the ball on the table side 28-foot mark since the violation happened closest to that designated spot.

Be ready for the opening jump, it could be a crazy one! Make sure to *know* rule 6.3 regarding what is legal and illegal on the jump ball!

Monday extra: Marty had great advice in his 'Weekly Reminders' last week and is definitely worth repeating:

Saturday morning, I was listening to a radio station on Cape Cod and the topic was "The Ripple Effect" on finances, and particularly how one small insignificant change can lead to a much bigger success. How does this have anything to do with basketball officiating? I have noticed an increasing number of officials who seem to be growing apart in our relationship with one another. We have officials who live close to each other but driving separately. Pick up the phone and offer to pick them up, even if you have to detour to get them. How can you get to know them if you don't communicate with them. With transportation costs up, offer to chip in for gas. If stopping afterwards, help with their tab if you don't help with gas. We have officials who sit in the same seat in every meeting and talk to the same individuals. The next meeting, find a different seat and make it a point to talk to

someone different. Remember how you felt when you started out and didn't know anyone. Well, find that rookie or individual and help put them at ease. You may be surprised to discover they aren't so bad after all. William James, The Father of Psychology said "EVERY action we TAKE, no matter HOW SMALL can have a SIGNIFICANT IMPACK on our LIVES AND the lives of OTHERS. ACT as if WHAT YOU do MAKES a DIFFERENCE, it does."

Have a great game tonight!