

Good morning!

Hope the past week has been a good one for you and 2019 is wrapping up well also.

Recall the clip from last week where a player was last to touch the ball before momentum carried her OOB then came back inbounds and re-established one foot on the floor and touched the ball. [Here](#) is the first of those clips.

Craig Bradley asked a few great questions about these plays (and the answers for each play are different). Here are his questions:

When the girl had both hands on the ball in both Clips would you deem that control? **In THIS play, control was NOT gained by the girl...she tipped the ball back inbounds.**

Would you grant her a timeout with both hands on the ball? **In THIS play, NO. Since she did not have control, no TO may be granted since player control must exist to grant a TO**

When she threw the ball to the floor when you consider that the start of a dribble? **In THIS play NO it was not the start of a dribble since it was not controlled to the floor on her tip.**

If the answer was yes to any of these questions, is she still allowed to come in and be the first to touch the ball? **All answers here are NO, but in either case, she COULD be the first to touch.**

When she came back in bounds if she caught the ball and dribbled would that be a double dribble? **In THIS play, NOT a double dribble since she did not CONTROL the ball to the floor.**

Here is the definition of a dribble:

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The dribble begins by pushing, throwing or batting the ball to the floor before the pivot foot is lifted.

'Batting' the ball has always been defined as a 'controlled action' as well as pushing or throwing. Batting is not to be confused with a tip or tap.

These are great questions and welcomed also! Hope you have a great game tonight and then a few days off before the endless run of games started Thursday!

Monday Extra: PIAA Basketball Championship tickets went on sale earlier this month. Take a day (or two or three) and come to the Giant Center to see some great teams AND some great officials! Here is the link to the tickets: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/hershey/EN/buy/browse?!%5B0%5D=277>.

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