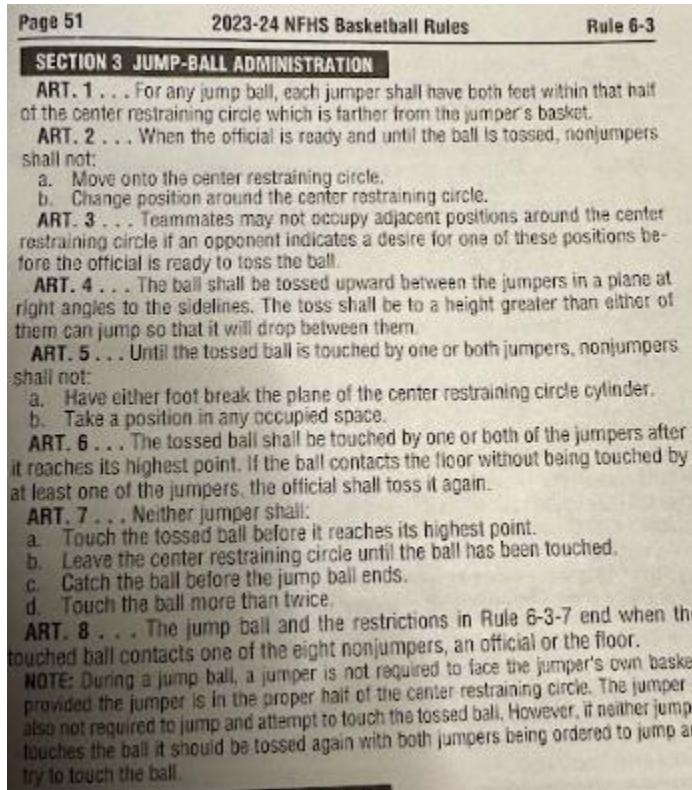


Good morning!

The jump ball....and in the clip today, happened at the start of an OT period....here is rule 6-3, Jump Ball Administration...



One that we do not see often is 6-3-7b....neither jumper is permitted to leave the restraining circle before the ball is touched. It happens! Take a look [here](#)!

This is an easy play to get caught off guard since we rarely have anything happen illegal on a jump ball, BUT IT HAPPENS! How can we be ready? TALK briefly about the jump ball in your pregame conference! Just something like 'Be ready for a possible foul on the jump ball, someone moving from OFF the circle ONTO the circle or the jumper leaving the circle before it is touched. Also, we cannot let someone steal the tip.' This just gets the jump ball in the crew's minds. Having a good, solid pregame conference gets everyone THINKING about the game and mentally prepared for the game.

So in the violation we have, how do we resume play? Since the jumper for white who violated did so *in his front court*, which is in black's *back court*, we have a back court throw-in for black nearest to where the violation occurred, so it would be table side about 6 feet (the radius of the center circle) from mid court. The arrow would be set to white when the throw-in for black ends.

Tuesday Extra: Make sure to have a pregame conference! Even the most experienced crews of best friends benefit from a pregame conference by getting mentally prepared for the game!

Tuesday *Extra*²: As an assignor, I ask official I assign to call me when any technical foul is administered....the stories get better every day....last nigh an official called and said a player threw the

ball in his direction out of frustration of a call and hit him in the leg. This is at minimum, a technical foul and COULD be a supplemental disqualification. Remember, we are the **gatekeepers of sportsmanship** and NOBODY but us can be depended on for enforcing it.

Have a great game tonight!

Tim