

Good morning!

Hope you had a great game last evening!

Staying with the semi-theme of backcourt situations.....this play is with 10 or so seconds remaining, white is down 2 points and has a sideline throw-in.....take a look [here](#).

Team control is Rule 4-12:

SECTION 12 CONTROL, PLAYER AND TEAM

ART. 1 . . . A player is in control of the ball when he/she is holding or dribbling a live ball. There is no player control when, during a jump ball, a jumper catches the ball prior to the ball touching the floor or a non-jumper, or during an interrupted dribble.

ART. 2 . . . A team is in control of the ball:

- a. When a player of the team is in control.
- b. While a live ball is being passed among teammates.
- c. During an interrupted dribble.
- d. When a player of the team has disposal of the ball for a throw-in.

ART. 3 . . . Team control continues until:

- a. The ball is in flight during a try or tap for field goal.
- b. An opponent secures control.
- c. The ball becomes dead.

ART. 4 . . . While the ball remains live a loose ball always remains in control of the team whose player last had control, unless it is a try or tap for goal.

ART. 5 . . . Team control does not exist during a jump ball or the touching of a rebound, but is re-established when a player secures control.

ART. 6 . . . Neither team control nor player control exists during a dead ball, a jump ball or when the ball is in flight during a try or tap for a field goal.

Situation 4-12-2 Situation A combined with rule 4-12-5 means that if white had just secured the ball, even if in the backcourt, it is not a violation. They definitely tried (and were successful) at not letting the ball go to the backcourt, but 'saved' the ball to blue, who ran the last few second off the clock and won the game. Not that the coach could have communicated that they could have let it go to the backcourt and legally recovered it as it was happening, but WE must be positive about the rule!

Today, read rule 4-12 and the associated case book plays.....just may have that tonight!

Tuesday Extra: An immediate held ball on the opening tip had some confusion due to this in the rules book:

6-4-3f NOTE: When the alternating-possession procedure has not been established, the jump ball shall be in the center retraining circle between the two players involved in the ~~subsequent~~ previous action.

Dave and Pat got the interpretation directly from the NFHS as follows:

The rule hasn't changed. The committee hoped that the change to the word "previous" would clarify that it is the action after the initial jump ball that would determine the

jumpers. In the situation below, A2 and B2 would now jump – not the original two jumpers. This is illustrated in 6.4.1 SITUATION C.

Again, the rule did not change.

Interesting that they thought the word 'previous' would 'clarify' it! At least we have the correct interp now!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim