

Good morning!

I received a great clip from a fellow official who said this may help others learn from it as he did (Thanks Ryan). Take a look at the clip [here](#).

Let's review the SPOT throw-in rule, 4.42 and specifically 4.42.5b.

SECTION 42 THROW-IN, THROWER, DESIGNATED SPOT

ART. 1 . . . The thrower is the player who attempts to make a throw-in.

ART. 2 . . . A throw-in is a method of putting the ball in play from out-of-bounds.

ART. 3 . . . The throw-in and the throw-in count begin when the ball is at the disposal of a player of the team entitled to it.

ART. 4 . . . The throw-in count ends when the ball is released by the thrower so the passed ball goes directly into the court.

ART. 5 . . . The throw-in ends when:

- a. The passed ball touches or is touched by another player inbounds.
- b. The passed ball touches or is touched by another player out-of-bounds, except as in [7-5-7](#).
- c. The throw-in team commits a throw-in violation.

ART. 6 . . . The designated throw-in spot is 3 feet wide with no depth - limitation and is established and signaled by the official prior to putting the ball at the thrower's disposal.

NOTE: The thrower must keep one foot on or over the designated spot until the ball is released. The traveling and dribbling rules are not in effect for a throw-in.

Here is rule 7.5.7:

ART. 7 . . . A throw-in anywhere along the end line after a goal or an awarded goal for basket interference or goaltending by a defensive player, as in [9-12 Penalty 1](#), the team not credited with the score shall make a throw-in from the end of the court where the goal was made and from any point outside the end line and the officials shall signal such.

- a. Any player of the team may make a direct throw-in or he/she may pass the ball along the end line to a teammate(s) outside the boundary.

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- b. A team retains this privilege if the scoring team commits a violation or common foul (before the throw-in ends and before the bonus rule is in effect) and the ensuing throw-in spot would have been on the end line.

Clearly 7.5.7 does not apply since we have a spot throw-in.

In our play, a second player comes OOB and is given/passed the ball and an automatic violation. We have no official mechanic for a throw-in violation, so we would blow the whistle and VERBALLY announce 'Throw-in violation for two players touching the ball out of bounds'.

The opposing team would then have a spot throw-in of their own at the same spot. If this had been an alternating possession throw-in for the team that violated, they would lose the arrow, so make sure to switch it before the opposing team starts their throw-in.

REALLY appreciate officials willing to put themselves out there and admit they may have screwed up and are willing to let others learn from what they did! As Joe Frisina used to say, 'nobody ever worked a perfect game'. ALL of us make mistakes! Those who learn from them (and the mistakes of others) get better and improve their game! Hopefully we just do not make the same mistakes over and over!

Tuesday extra: So I have reminded all of us to make sure to look at the official scorer when reporting at the table.....I keep the book for my wife's JV/V teams and last night (again) 2 of the 5 officials on the games did not look at me (with a striped shirt on) but rather at the timer. It really isn't hard!!!!!!

Have a great game tonight.....remember that good teams know they are good and bad teams know they are bad. Make sure to talk about good vs good, bad vs bad or good vs bad teams in your pregame, whichever your game might be and what you need to do in it!

Tim