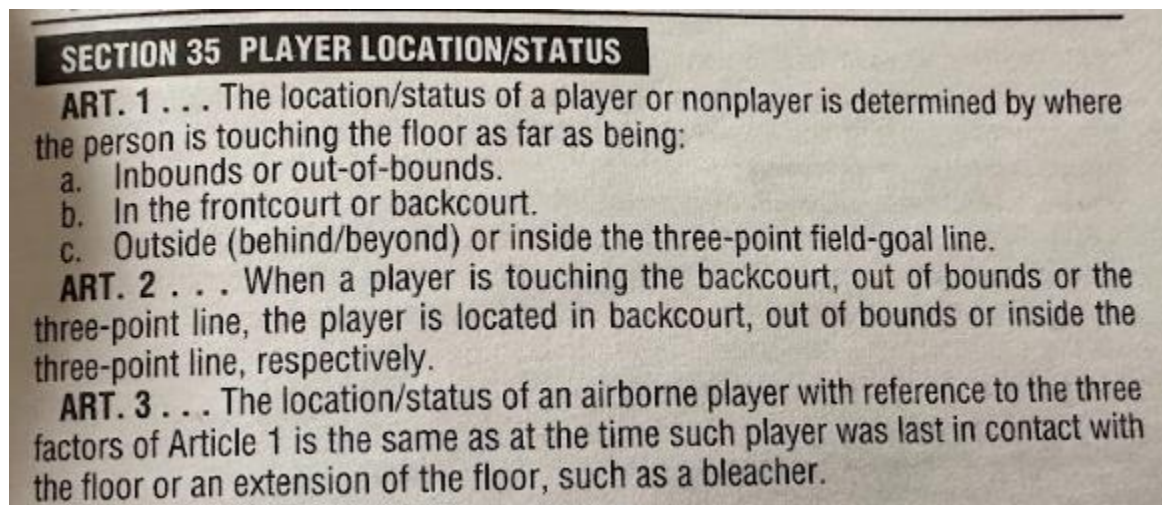Good morning!

Player location has come up several times recently. Rule 4.3 is player location:
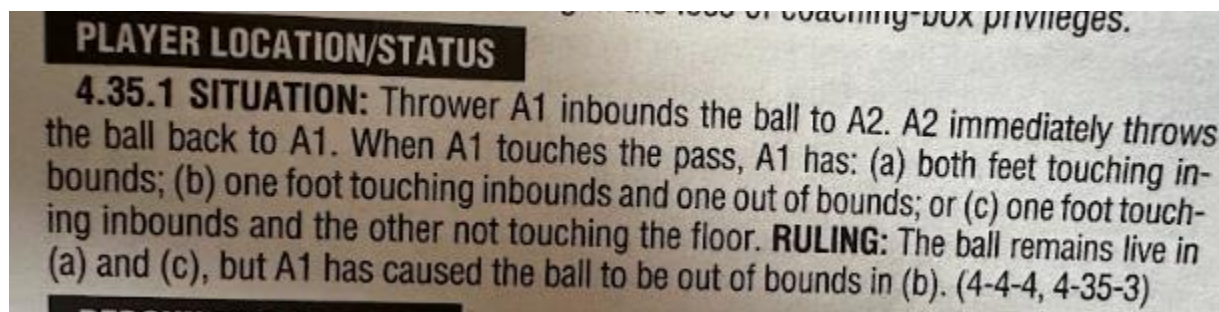
SECTION 35 PLAYER LOCATION/STATUS

ART. 1 . . . The location/status of a player or nonplayer is determined by where the person is touching the floor as far as being:
a. Inbounds or out-of-bounds.
b. In the frontcourt or backcourt.
c. Outside (behind/beyond) or inside the three-point field-goal line.

ART. 2 . . . When a player is touching the backcourt, out of bounds or the three-point line, the player is located in backcourt, out of bounds or inside the three-point line, respectively.

ART. 3 . . . The location/status of an airborne player with reference to the three factors of Article 1 is the same as at the time such player was last in contact with the floor or an extension of the floor, such as a bleacher.

A very god official once said about player location that 'You are where you were till you get where you're going'. Think about it, very true!

Take a look at a play here (Thanks Jeremy Sabo for the clip).

In this play, the thrower passed the ball inbounds white 5, who in turn passes it back to the thrower. The problem is that the thrower jumped from OOB, caught the ball in the air, then landed inbounds. "She was OOB until she landed inbounds" so when she caught the ball, she still had OOB status.

What does it take to establish back inbounds? ONE FOOT inbounds and the other foot *not out of bounds*. Establishing inbounds does NOT require both feet to be on the floor inbounds.

Here is case play 4.35.1:

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4.35.1 SITUATION: Thrower A1 inbounds the ball to A2. A2 immediately throws the ball back to A1. When A1 touches the pass, A1 has: (a) both feet touching inbounds; (b) one foot touching inbounds and one out of bounds; or (c) one foot touching inbounds and the other not touching the floor. **RULING:** The ball remains live in (a) and (c), but A1 has caused the ball to be out of bounds in (b). (4-4-4, 4-35-3)

This is more verification that one foot in and the other not out is sufficient to establish inbounds!

Wednesday extra: Thanks to Jeremy for sending this clip and allowing me to use it so that we don't get caught off guard, surprised by what just happened. Remember, a late whistle that is correct is fine!

Have a great game tonight!