

# Connecticut State Board of Approved Basketball Officials

## *Interpreters Bulletin*



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This bulletin will present recent play situations that have occurred in Connecticut games this season. As a reminder, Connecticut has six (6) area rules interpreters, and a state interpreter who serves as our liaison to the CIAC. We are members of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO); the world's oldest, largest and most respected organization dedicated to the education and continuous improvement of basketball officials. We annually train our officials to follow the rules and points of emphasis publicized by the CIAC and the NFHS.

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### PLAY SITUATIONS

**Situation #1** - A-1's throw-in pass is deflected by B-2. Prior to either team gaining control inbounds, A-2 fouls B-2. Team B is in the bonus. The official rules a team control foul and awards Team B a throw-in at a spot nearest to where the foul occurred. Is the official correct?

**Ruling** - The official is correct. Team A does not have team control during a throw-in. Team control remains with Team A throughout the throw-in until there is a stoppage of play or Team B gains control. A-2's foul was committed during Team A control. Penalize the foul on A-2, award Team B a throw-in at the nearest spot to where the foul occurred. No free throws are awarded for a team control foul. Rule 4-12-2b, 4-19-7, Case Book 4-19-7 Situation D

**Situation #2** - During a throw in from the endline by A1, can A2 jump from the front court, catch the ball while airborne, and then land in the backcourt?

**Ruling** - Yes, this is a legal play. This is one of the exceptions to the backcourt rule. In addition, A2 may make a normal landing and it makes no difference whether the first foot down is in the frontcourt or backcourt. Rule 9-9-3

**Situation #3** - From the frontcourt, A1 inbounds the ball to A2 who is also in the front court. The ball tips off of A2's hand into the backcourt. A2 recovers it and begins to dribble. Is this a violation?

**Ruling** - No, this is **NOT** a violation, since there was no player control by A2 on the tipped ball. The ball is live during the throw-in and clock starts on the tip by A2. When A2 gains control of the ball in the backcourt, the ten count then begins. **Note:** When A2 gains control of the ball in the backcourt--Team A now has team control on the court. Rule 9-9 The tipped ball is NOT the start of a dribble. Rule 4-15-1

**Situation #4** - A1, in the front court, loses control of the ball near the division line. With the ball rolling, A-1 dives on the floor and with his/her feet touching the floor in the backcourt, reaches across the division line and touches the ball that is still in the frontcourt. Referee rules backcourt violation. Is the referee correct?

**Ruling** - Yes - When A-1 touched the ball, A-1 was in the backcourt because the player was touching the floor in the backcourt. Rule 9.9.1

**Situation #5** - A-1 is at the free throw line for last free throw attempt. B-1, who is in a lane space, steps in the free throw lane before the free throw is released. One official sounds the whistle while the ball is still in the free thrower's hands. The free throw is then released and is successful. Referee rules the free throw cannot count and allows the free thrower a substitute free throw which is unsuccessful. Referee rules the original violation of B-1 carries over and provides A-1 another free throw. Is the referee correct?

**Ruling** - Yes - ball becomes dead (rule 6-7-5) while the shooter had the ball and the referee blew the whistle. Rule 9.1.3.h penalty 2b.

**Situation #6** - B-1 commits a common foul on dribbler A-1, Team B's seventh team foul. Officials fail to give Team A any free throws.

Team A completes successful throw-in and a held ball is called between A-1 and B-1. The AP Arrow points to Team A. Scorer notifies officials that Team B's foul was their 7th. Officials meet and rule that this is a correctable error, allow players to line-up for the free throws, continue play off the free throws and that Team A retains the AP arrow. Are the officials correct?

**Ruling** - Yes. Since this is a correctable error and there was no change in possession after the error, play is resumed from the made or missed free throws, NOT the held ball. Rule 2.10.6

**Situation #7** - A1 and B2 got tangled up going out of bounds. A1 says something to B2 and receives a technical foul. In response to the technical, B2 claps in the face of A1 and he/she receives a technical foul. Is this a double foul situation or a false double foul situation?

**Ruling** - This is a double technical foul. Since the fouls occurred at approximately the same time, no free throws will be administered and play will resume at the Point of Interruption (POI). Rule 4-19-8b.

**Situation #8** - Team A comes out on the court wearing gloves that are very similar to the gloves that wide-receivers in football wear to provide a better tactile grip. Is this legal?

**Ruling** - No, gloves are not needed to play the game and are not considered to be appropriate. Casebook Play 3.5 situation B

**Situation #9** - Player A-1 jumps and controls a defensive rebound in a crowd of players. Several players fall to the floor and when A-1 lands, he/she also loses his/her balance and falls on top of the players already on the floor. Even though A-1 has fallen, he/she does not touch the floor with any part of his/her body. While on top of the other players, A-1 passes to A-2. The official rules this a legal play. Is the official correct?

**Ruling** - Yes. Rule 4-44-5a

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