

# 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 five (5) 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 promulgated by the CIAC and the NFHS.

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### PLAY SITUATIONS

**Situation #1-** Jumpers A1 and B1 line up for a jump ball to start the game. The ball is tapped by Jumper A1 and goes directly out of bounds near the division line. How do officials resume play and when is AP arrow set? **Ruling** – A throw-in is awarded to Team B on the sideline nearest where the ball became dead. AP arrow is set to Team A when the ball is put at the disposal to Team B. (Rule 4-3-3a; 7-5-3)

**Situation #2** - A1 is shooting 1 free throw. Following the release of A1's free throw attempt and before the ball touches the ring or backboard, B1 violates. The official immediately sounds the whistle. The ball enters the basket. How is this officiated? **Ruling** – A1's free throw attempt is successful as the ball remained alive after the inadvertent whistle. Award ball to Team B and allow Team B to run end line. If A1's free throw was missed, a substitute free throw shall be attempted. (Rule 9-1-4, Penalty 2b). The inadvertent whistle does not negate the violation.

**Situation #3** - A1 attempts a 3-point try. While the ball is in the air the official inadvertently sounds the whistle. (a) the try is successful. (b) the try is unsuccessful. How is (a) and (b) officiated? **Ruling** – (a) – A1's 3-point try is good. Award ball to Team B and allow Team B to move along the end line. (b) Resume play using AP arrow on the end line. (Rule 6-7-5; 6-7-9 Exception a)

**Situation #4** - A-1 is dribbling the ball when he/she attempts to end the dribble by catching the ball. The ball slips through his/her hands up into

the air. A-1 bats the ball twice while taking several steps. The official rules a traveling violation. Was the official correct? **Ruling:** The official was NOT correct. By rule, a player must be holding the ball to travel. In this case the player fumbled or muffed the ball while ending his/her dribble, which there is no player control. Traveling should not have been ruled. (Rule 4-44; 4-21)

**Situation #5** - A1 dribbles across the division line, ends his/her dribble and is closely-guarded. A1 throws the ball off B1 and retrieves it in the backcourt to start a new dribble. What is the ruling? **Ruling** - This is a legal play, and since the ball last contacted an opponent before going into the backcourt, A1 may retrieve the ball without a backcourt violation being ruled. In addition, as soon as the ball has backcourt status, the official shall begin his/her 10-second backcourt count since team-control did not end. (Rule 4-12-2 & 3; Rule 9-5-3; Rule 9-8)

**Situation #6** - During a throw-in, A1 throws the ball off the back of teammate A2, steps inbounds, catches the ball and scores. What is the ruling? **Ruling** - This is a legal; since the ball contacted a player inbounds and thrower-in (A1) established inbounds status before contacting the ball. (Rule 4-35)

**Situation #7-** A1 attempts a 3-point try and is fouled by B1. Trail official sounds whistle. While the 3-point try is in the air, Lead official sounds whistle near end line under the basket and rules foul by A2 on B2. The 3-point try is unsuccessful. Neither team is in the bonus. What is the ruling? **Ruling** - This is a false double foul situation (Rule 4-19-9). The ball remained live since the 3-point try was released and the ball was in the air (Rule 6-7, Exceptions a, b). Report both fouls; Trail reports first followed by Lead. (Rule 10-6, Penalties (Rule 10 Summary) #7; Basketball Rules Fundamentals #12. Play resumes with A1 attempting his/her free throws with no player lined up on the lane lines, then awarding Team B with a designated throw-in nearest where the foul occurred (Rule 7-5-4) if the final free throw is unsuccessful or a throw-in anywhere along the end line if the final free throw is successful (Rule 7-5-7).

**Situation #8** - What is the correct procedure on allowing substitutions on an inadvertent whistle? Allow them or not? **Ruling** - As long as a substitute is at the scorer's table and ready to enter the game when the clock is stopped for an inadvertent whistle, they are allowed to legally enter the game. The game should not be delayed to allow a coach to choose a substitute to enter at that time. Resume play at Point of Interruption. (Rule 3-3-1d)

**Situation #9** – Can you rule a double intentional personal foul? Double technical foul? Will free throws be attempted? **Ruling** – Yes, you may rule a double technical or a double intentional personal fouls. You do NOT shoot any free throws – (Page 65, Rule 10-6 Penalties 1c.). Read definition of "double foul" which means "at the same time by 2 opponents" (Rule 4-19-8, Page 32). Do not confuse this with Rule 4-19-9 - false double foul. A false double foul, is a situation in which there are fouls by both teams, the second foul which occurs before the clock is started following the first foul. In this situation, you will shoot free throws if warranted. See Situation #7. Play shall resume with a throw-in at the "point of interruption" (Rule 4-36; 7-5-3b).