

## Properly Ruling Team Control Situations in 2011 - 2012

***For purposes of fouls only***, there is team control during all throw-ins.

*As officials, what this means for us ...* During a throw-in, ***for foul purposes only***, team control begins when the ball is placed at the disposal of the player making the throw-in, continues through the ball being passed onto the court, and does not end until the ball is in possession of a player (offensive or defensive) on the court. As soon as a player (offensive or defensive) secures player control (meaning team control also), “new” team control begins but this “new” team control now includes scenarios where 3-seconds, 5-seconds closely guarded, and 10-seconds counts apply, when and where applicable. ***During a throw-in AND during normal play a team maintains team control during a tipped ball, a fumbled ball, and interrupted dribble.***

*What it means for the game you are officiating ...* We must remember that during throw-ins we will never start 3-second, 5-second, or closely guarded counts but during normal play we must know when to properly start and end counts. During throw-ins and during normal play, while the ball is being passed between teammates and an opponent tips or bats the ball away, a team maintains team control (yes, same thing as above, it’s important). Please study & discuss the article in your Preseason Basketball Guide for 2011 - ‘12, the third paragraph from Comments on the 2011-2012 Rules Changes on page 71 of your Rule Book (Team Control During a Throw-in, thanks to Tom Hurd & Walt for finding this), and plays 4.12.2 and 4.19.7 in your Case Book.

*What we have to be aware of on throw-in situations ... You Make the Call!*

Situation 1: The ball is at the disposal of thrower-in A-1 when A-2 fouls B-2.

Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. *What is the proper ruling/procedure???*

**Team Control Foul ... Team B is awarded the ball for a throw-in. No free throws.**

Situation 2: The ball is at the disposal of thrower-in A-1 when B-2 fouls A-2.

Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. *What is the proper ruling/procedure???*

**Common foul on B-2. A-2 is awarded a 1 & 1.**

Situation 3: The ball is being passed from thrower-in A-1 to a teammate who is inbounds. Before anyone on the court touches, or is touched by the ball, A-2 fouls B-2.

Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. *What is the proper ruling/procedure???*

**Team Control Foul ... Team B is awarded the ball for a throw-in. No Free Throws.**

Situation 4: **The ball is being passed from thrower-in A-1 to a teammate who is inbounds. Before anyone on the court touches, or is touched by the ball, B-2 fouls A-2. Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. What is the proper ruling/procedure???**

**Common foul on B-2. A-2 is awarded a 1 & 1.**

Situation 5: **The ball is being passed from thrower-in A-1 to a teammate who is inbounds. A player on the court (either team) touches, or is touched by the ball. After the ball is touched but before anyone establishes control of the ball, A-2 fouls B-2. Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. What is the proper ruling/procedure???**

**Team Control Foul ... Team B is awarded the ball for a throw-in. No Free throws.**

Situation 6: **The ball is being passed from thrower-in A-1 to a teammate who is inbounds. A player on the court (either team) touches, or is touched by the ball. After the ball is touched but before anyone establishes control of the ball, B-2 fouls A-2. Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. What is the proper ruling/procedure???**

**Common foul on B-2. A-2 is awarded a 1 & 1.**

Situation 7: **The ball has been passed from thrower-in A-1 to a teammate who is inbounds. After A's teammate has established control of the ball, A-2 fouls B-2. Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. What is the proper ruling/procedure???**

**Team Control Foul ... Team B is awarded the ball for a throw-in. No Free Throws.**

Situation 8: **The ball has been passed from thrower-in A-1 to a teammate who is inbounds. After A's teammate has established control of the ball, B-2 fouls A-2. Both teams are in 1 & 1 bonus. What is the proper ruling/procedure???**

**Common foul on B-2. A-2 is awarded a 1 & 1.**

*Note:* During normal play, when A-1 is passing to A-2 and the ball is touched by an opponent, Team A maintains team control and fouls by Team A are Team Control Fouls. During a throw-in, when A-1 is passing to A-2 and the ball is touched by an opponent, Team A maintains team control and fouls by Team A are also Team Control Fouls; thus the ruling that for purposes of fouls only, it makes no difference whether it is during a throw-in or during normal play, rulings for Team Control fouls are the same!

In order to make proper rulings in team control situations, we must know when team control begins, when a team establishes and maintains team control, and when team control ends. Many players, coaches, and fans will not know proper administration of these situations but officials should know all of them.

During **normal play** if a team has team control in the front court 3-second counts and 5-second closely guarded counts **do** apply, including during a fumbled ball, an interrupted dribble, or when the ball is being passed between teammates.

During **a throw-in** a team has team control but 3-second counts, 5-second closely guarded counts, and 10-second back court possession counts **do not** apply.

Please review, study, and discuss these situations and make every effort to make proper rulings in team control (or not) situations. Thank You.

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