

Jump & Land!

The players jump! The four clips below are very interesting, in more of them the referee miss the call, probably surprised by the player's play! We want to deepen our previous topic (*):

11blue receive the ball and is ready to shoot from the 3pts area. After 11blue has lifted both feet an opponent try to block the shoot, without touching nor the ball or the body of the shooter. To avoid the block 11blue throw the ball to the floor. Once landed the 11blue picks the ball and shoot again.

– Violation / nobody calls –

25white receive the ball and want to shoot immediately. After he has lifted both feet from the floor, 25 White realize that the difensive player is coming, 25white interrupt the shooting movement to avoid the block, then before Landing he throws the ball, with a crooked pass, towards his mate on his left side.

– Legal –

25white gains the rebound after the 3pts shoot by 0white. Probably he thinks to shoot immediately, but the continuos movement has been interrupted. 25white jumps & lands with the ball in his hands. After landing 25white starts a dribble and try a shoot. **– Violation / nobody calls –**

16red receive a pass and try immediately to shoot while 0white defend on him. After he has lifted both feet from the floor and the way to basket is closed by the opponent, 16red throws the ball on the floor and after landing he picks the ball to shoot again. 0white didn't touch the ball and the ball didn't touch him. **– Violation / nobody calls –**

A player who holds the ball may jump; when he is airborne and before landing on the floor with one foot or both feet he:

- can only Shoot and Pass
- cannot dribble: if the ball exits from the hand(s) after lifting the pivot foot he commits a violation.

If the player loses the control of the ball which escapes from the hand/s, he doesn't commit any violation (fumble).

Some people say: the player let the ball falling down. What does it mean? Did he release a shoot? Did he release a pass? Is it a fumble? Is it a dribble? We have other options: if any other player touches or is touched by the ball? We think that if a player let the ball falling on the floor, he is dribbling. A dribble is "a movement of a live ball caused by a player in control of ball who throws, taps, rolls or bounces the ball on the floor". (RB24.1.1)

The referee must be able to read the play and recognize the movement of the players, as they do when they evaluate an act of shooting. For a referee is useless to say to everybody "I have seen" waving his arms; especially when the player commits a violation! A call/no call can be wrong although the explanation is accepted.