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# IMPROVE YOUR...

## OUT-OF-BOUNDS DECISIONS

### INTRODUCTION

Improve Your Out-of-Bounds decisions handbook helps referees make the right call when the ball goes out-of-bounds. It covers the latest protocols, how to officiate these situations, and tips for making quick and confident decisions.

#### **Mechanics:**

- **Positioning:** Maintain optimal court positioning to have a clear view of the boundary lines and player interactions near them.
- **Focus:** Maintain an awareness of ball and players near the boundary lines, while refereeing your primary responsibility on a play, especially during fast breaks and loose-ball situations.
- **Signals:** Use clear and decisive signals, including the stop the clock signal and indicating the direction of play. Verbal support is always required on an out-of-bounds decision. See 'Tips & Tricks'.
- **Coverage:** The Trail referee covers the centre line and the sideline on their side of the court. The Lead referee covers the endline, and the Centre referee the sideline on their side of the court.

#### **Protocols:**

- Making the out-of-bound call (OOB)
  1. Blow your whistle and stop the game clock with using your outside hand.
  2. With the same hand, show the direction with two fingers and support your call verbally saying out loud whose ball it will be (Red!). This will also help in case of an accidental misdirection with your hand signal.

#### VIDEO

- Asking for help (OOBH – out-of-bounds help)

In case you are responsible for the out-of-bounds play, and you do not have the information who touched the ball last:

1. Blow the whistle and stop the game clock. You might say 'Help' loudly.
2. Make eye contact with your colleague closest to the play and request assistance. If unable to assist, turn to your other colleague for help.
3. Your colleague that has the information blows the whistle and signals the direction of the play. You copy the direction.
4. If none of your colleagues have the information who touched the ball last, you signal a jump ball.

#### VIDEO 1

#### VIDEO 2

#### VIDEO 3

- Intervention (OOBI – out-of-bounds intervention)

Only applicable when referee is 100% sure.

1. Your partner calls an out-of-bounds that is incorrect.
2. Approach your partner and provide the necessary information (intervention).
3. Your partner changes the initial call and signals the new direction of play, providing the required verbal support.

VIDEO 4

VIDEO 5

### Signals:



1. Stop the clock when ball goes out-of-bounds.



2. Show direction with two fingers using verbal support. See 'Tips & Tricks'.

### Tips & Tricks:

- **IOT:** Maintain a consistent body position facing the court and use a two-hand signalling technique. If your right foot is forward, use your right hand to stop the clock and indicate direction when the offensive team retains possession with the same hand, and your left hand when the defence gains possession. Reverse this if your left foot is forward. This ensures consistent signalling regardless of your position on the court.
- **L2M:** Referees can use the Instant Replay System to confirm an out-of-bounds call in the last two minutes. However, remember that Head Coaches can request HCC to challenge any out-of-bounds decision throughout the whole game.
- **New possession:** If team A has the control of the ball and a team B player in the air takes the ball and then steps out-of-bounds, it leads to a shot clock reset – SCRS – new 14/24 – due to a new possession. If they don't have a new control, because first they step out-of-bounds and only after that they have the new control – shot clock remains as it is.
- **Pre-game conference:** Be aware that techniques and protocols mentioned in this handbook and how to handle them are strongly recommended to be discussed at the pre-game conference.

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