

The Top Ten Misunderstood Rules

1. "Reaching" is not a foul. There must be contact and the player with the ball must have been placed at a disadvantage.
2. A player can always recover his/her fumbled ball; a fumble is not a dribble, and any steps taken during recovery are not traveling, regardless of progress made and/or advantage gained! (Running while fumbling is not traveling!)
3. It is not possible for a player to travel while dribbling. A high dribble is always legal provided the dribbler's hand stays on top of the ball, and the ball does not come to rest in the dribblers' hand.
4. A "kicked" ball must be intentional, and contact must be at the knee or below.
5. A defender does not have to "give the dribbler a step". As long as legal guarding position has been established, it is up to the dribbler to avoid contact. The person with the ball should expect to be guarded.
6. Jumpers may tap the ball simultaneously; may tap the ball twice; and when a legally tapped ball touches the floor, a player other than a non-jumper or (believe it or not) a backboard, the jump ball has ended, and either jumper may recover it!
7. A "moving screen" isn't a violation unless there is contact. (If contact occurs, it's a "BLOCK", which is a foul.)
8. Any contact foul during a live ball is personal, not technical!
9. Lifting the pivot foot DOES NOT constitute a travel unless the ball handler puts the pivot foot back on the floor prior to beginning a passing, or shooting the ball! The pivot foot cannot be lifted before the dribble is started.
10. It is impossible to travel, double dribble or carry while taking the ball out for a throw in. I have seen officials tell athletes they can't move on a throw-in. Why? This is not a rule. You have limitations but you can move. We all need to read the rules. They are good to know.

**** p.s. The post defender must remove his elbow or forearm from the offensive player once he gains possession of the ball!**