

Referees Guidelines - Dribbling Violations

GUIDELINES FOR CALLING ILLEGAL DRIBBLE VIOLATIONS

1. Establish that the player has control of a live ball.
2. Clearly establish that the player has ended a dribble by either
 - a) Touching the ball with both hands, together
 - b) Having the ball come to rest in one or both hands
3. Remember there is no limit to the number of steps a player may take when the ball is not in contact with their hand
4. A fumble means the player does not have control of the ball
 - a) A player may fumble at the beginning of a dribble
 - b) A player may fumble at the end of a dribble
5. Consistency in the application of common sense to each game bearing in mind the abilities of the players concerned and their attitude and conduct during the game
6. Most illegal dribbles occur
 - a) On drives to the basket
 - b) In transition
 - c) When the offensive players "stand the defence up" by carrying the ball
 - d) The cross-over dribble where the dribbler turns the ball over, it is likely the ball has come to rest at this point. (Even if only for a split-second)