

If team A passes the ball from its back court to its front court and the ball is batted back or deflected back by team B, A NEW COUNT STARTS for team A. The reason for this is that team A has done its duty by passing the ball to the front court and the ball has returned to the back court through no fault of team A. A similar ruling would apply when team A has the ball in its front court and the ball is batted or deflected into A'S back court by team B. Team A should not be penalized because in this case A does not cause the ball to go over the center line. Team A, however, should not be permitted to beat the rule in any of these situations by deliberately bouncing the ball off their opponents.