

this Rule, and also to note the following:

It is the opinion of the Conference Coaches that officials are calling held balls to prevent rough play and to protect themselves. This practice slows up the game and often prevents the progress of legitimate, clever play.

Officials should not anticipate held balls, but should permit the ball to continue in play except where conditions for a held ball are absolutely complied with. Rough play or any other foul should be promptly dealt with, but held balls should not be used to prevent or stop this kind of play.

A held ball shall be called when a closely guarded player withholds the ball from play in his front court for five seconds. It is to be interpreted that the player is closely guarded if the defense is aggressively playing the ball and preventing the offense from playing the ball. This situation occurs usually when the ball is in a corner or along the center, end, or side lines.

Rule 7. ~~Sections~~ VIII, IX, and X. Rules pertaining to the pivot, running with the ball and dribbling. General

The officials are directed to use good common sense in making their decisions with respect to these rules, i.e.

1. In pivoting the lifting of the heel or toe of the pivot foot is legal.
2. A slight sliding of the foot is not to be interpreted as illegal unless such movement becomes exaggerated and is used to evade or pull away from an opponent.
3. If a player makes an illegal move to evade an opponent or in shooting for goal this should be called closely, but a slight shuffling of the feet or doubtful movements in the starting of a dribble under other circumstances should not be called. It is felt that such movements in no way affect the game and therefore the game should not be interrupted.

Rule 7. Section IX. Item 2. Running with the Ball

The following is to be deleted from this Rule:

- a. "As he receives the ball, if either foot is in contact with the floor at the time he receives it."
- b. In this part of the Rule the last phrase "if both feet are off the floor when he receives the ball" is to be deleted.

In the sentence following "b," the phrase "or both feet strike the floor simultaneously" should be deleted. It is the intent here that if one foot of the player strikes the floor after receiving the ball, he may take an additional step, or if both feet strike the floor simultaneously after