

***SECTION 3. Held Ball** is declared when two players of opposing teams have one or both hands firmly on the ball, or held ball may be called when one closely guarded player is withholding the ball from play in his front court and is making no apparent effort to put the ball into play.

NOTE—Officials should not anticipate a held ball or declare it too quickly, thereby interrupting the continuity of the game, and unjustly taking the ball away from the player who has gained or is about to gain possession of it. Under the first clause of Section 3, held ball should not be called until both players have one or both hands so firmly on the ball that neither can gain sole possession without undue roughness. If a player is lying or sitting on the floor, while in possession of the ball, he should be given an opportunity to throw it, but held ball should be called if there is danger of injury.

Ques.—The players of Team A form a circle in their front court and pass the ball to each other inside the circle. The opponents cannot get at the ball without causing personal contact. Is this legal? **Ans.**—After one or more players of Team B have retained a position within one yard of this circle for five seconds, held ball may be declared. Closely guarded players are withholding the ball from play.

Ques.—If a closely guarded player is holding the ball on the floor in his front court and making no attempt to play it, should a foul be called? **Ans.**—No; it is a held ball.

Ques.—How soon after the dribble is completed must a player pass the ball or throw for goal? **Ans.**—At his convenience, if he is not closely guarded.

SECTION 4. A Jump Ball takes place when the Official tosses the ball up between two opposing players.

SECTION 5. Time-out is declared whenever the game is legally stopped without the loss of playing time.

SECTION 6. Own Goal is the basket for which a team is throwing.

***SECTION 7. The Ball is Dead** and play shall cease until the ball is put in play again as indicated by an Official:

- a. When the whistle of an Official sounds (except as provided in the Note following Rule 15, Section 12);
- b. When a goal is made;
- c. When held ball is declared;
- d. When time-out is declared;
- e. When either a foul or a violation is called;
- f. When the ball goes out of bounds;
- g. After each of the two free throws following a double foul;
- h. At expiration of playing time;
- i. When the ball lodges in the supports of the basket (jump