

Possession Arrow Explained

The Possession Arrow shows which team will receive the throw in for certain situations in the game eg Jump ball, ball lodges between ring and backboard, start of any quarter including overtime. The Possession Arrow is used to determine which team will throw in the ball.

The team that does not gain possession after the opening jump ball, gets the first possession arrow. E.G if team A wins the opening jump ball the arrow points in the playing direction of team B.

At the beginning of the second quarter the arrow will be changed after the ball is thrown in.

At the end of the 2nd quarter the arrow will be changed in front of the Referees, as teams swap baskets (scoring ends) for the second half.

At the beginning of the 3rd quarter the arrow is changed after the ball is thrown in and again at the beginning of the 4th quarter.

If a Jump ball is called or the ball lodges between the ring and the backboard at any point in the game, the arrow is then changed after the throw in.