

# Be The Referee

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"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute podcasts designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features insights from MHSAA experts on officiating. These messages can be heard on This Week In High School Sports, which airs on over 100 radio stations and audio web outlets across Michigan.

Jan. 11, 2022 -- Held Ball or Traveling? Let's try a basketball play today. The offensive player jumps in an effort to either take a shot or make a pass. The defensive player reaches out and is able to place their hands on the ball to keep the offensive player from releasing it, and the offensive player returns to the floor with the ball. You Make The Call? There was no contact, so there is no foul. Is it a traveling violation, or is it a held ball with the ball going to the team with the possession arrow in its favor? Some old-timers out there might remember that up until about 1990, a traveling violation would have been called on this play. But the rules now call for a held ball in the situation, with the possession arrow, which had just been introduced 5 years earlier in 1985, prevailing.