

Be The Referee

"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.

Feb. 8, 2022 -- We are on the basketball court today where a wild pass from the point guard is headed out of bounds. A teammate jumps and is just barely able to catch the pass, but his momentum is carrying him out of bounds before he lands. While still airborne, and in possession of the ball, he calls time out. Should the official grant him the time out – or is he out of bounds with possession going to the defending team?

Since the player jumped from inbounds, gained possession, and called timeout before touching down out of bounds – the time out should be granted. His acrobatic play and quick thinking saved his team from committing a turnover and they'll inbound the basketball after a 60 second break.