



2017-2018 NCAA Women's Basketball
RULE INTERPRETATIONS/CLARIFICATIONS
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7/31/17 – Option to Advance the Ball (Rule 5-14.2).

This year, the rules committee approved a change to the option to advance the ball rule that permits the team advancing the ball to choose which side of the playing court it wishes to make the throw-in from following their charged timeout.

When a team was granted and charged a timeout with less than one minute remaining in the game and the game situation permitted the team to advance the ball to the 28-foot mark in the front court, the team had to notify the officials of their intention to advance the ball prior to the timeout being reported to the official scorer. There has been no change to this part of the rule. Now, the team advancing the ball must also inform the officials of the location of the throw-in prior to the timeout being reported to the official scorer. When a team informs the officials that they wish to advance the ball, but fail to inform the officials which side of the playing court the throw-in will be made before the timeout is reported to the official scorer, the throw-in will be made at the out-of-bounds spot at the 28-foot mark tableside.