### **Statement 2**

The ball has been illegally returned to the backcourt when a team A player in the frontcourt causes the ball to touch the backcourt, after which a team A player is the first to touch the ball either in the frontcourt or backcourt. It is legal however when a team A player in the backcourt causes the ball to touch the frontcourt, after which a team A player is the first to touch the ball either in the frontcourt or backcourt.

## Example 1:

A4 is standing with both feet in the frontcourt near the centre line when A4 attempts a bounce pass to A5 who is also standing with both feet in the frontcourt near the centre line. On the pass, the ball touches the backcourt before touching A5.

# **Interpretation:**

Violation for illegally returning the ball to the backcourt.

### Example 2:

A4 is standing with both feet in the backcourt near the centre line when A4 attempts a bounce pass to A5 who is also standing with both feet in the backcourt near the centre line. On the pass, the ball touches the frontcourt before touching A5.

### **Interpretation:**

Legal play.

# ART. 31 GOALTENDING AND INTERFERENCE

# **Statement 1**

When the ball is above the ring during a shot for a field goal or a free-throw attempt, it is interference if a player reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball.

#### **Example:**

On A4's last or only free throw,

- (a) Before the ball has touched the ring,
- (b) After the ball has touched the ring and still has the possibility to enter the basket,

B4 reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball.

#### **Interpretation:**

B4's violation for touching the ball illegally.

- (a) A4 shall be awarded one (1) point and a technical foul shall be called on B4.
- (b) A4 shall be awarded one (1) point but no technical foul shall be called on B4.

#### **Statement 2**

When the ball is above the ring during a pass or after it has touched the ring, it is interference if a player reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball.

### **Example:**

The ball is above the ring as a result of a pass when B4 reaches through the basket from below and touches the ball.

#### **Interpretation:**

B4's violation. Team A shall be awarded two (2) or three (3) points.