

Probably the most misunderstood aspect of this Rule is that it does not matter where any ball is on the court, it is NOT offside until the next hoop is scored.

Simply ignore the status of all balls and their position and don't think about offside until a hoop is scored.

Then, if you are the next player entitled to 'strike', make sure that you understand if your ball/s (and your opponents) are offside or not.

I don't know any top player who, being the next player entitled to strike would dream of striking their ball before all balls that are offside are dealt with.

By this I mean; the striker's partner's offside ball or either of the opponent's offside balls.

If an opponent's ball is offside and the striker strikes it is too late to deal with the offside ball because by striking, the striker has 'condoned' the opponents offside balls position and it is now too late.

Rule 11(c)(2)

Conversely if the striker's partner's ball is offside and the striker strikes, the opponent/s are entitled to say:

*"The offside ball is now to be dealt with (it is not too late) AND the striker is ordered to bring their ball back and strike it again"* Also Rule 11(c)(2)

( or the opponent/s have the option of leaving it where it came to rest too !)

After the hoop is scored the balls that are resting beyond the halfway line to the next hoop in order need to be assessed to determine how they got there.

If a ball that is resting 'over' a halfway line got there by touching or being touched by an opponent's ball it is an 'exception' to the rule.

- Meaning: 1 If an opponent hit it there it is therefore an exception and NOT offside  
 2 If a ball 'snicked' an opponent's ball it is an exception and NOT offside.

Now for the complicated and confusing part:

If a ball is 'over' a halfway line as a result of the hoop running stroke just played, it is not offside: **Example:** Blue ball runs Hoop 5- Blue hits Black –Black hits Red - Red hits Yellow over the halfway line : Therefore Yellow is NOT offside. Despite Red (partner ball) hitting Yellow, Yellow is not offside because it got there as a result of the 'hoop just scored'.

-- complicated? = yes but that's the Rule : -)