

The Limits of Travel

“A Step in the Right Direction ”

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Traveling is governed by a definition and a whole lot more

There are limits of movement outlined in Rule Four

The travel call can be much easier when simply put

Make not the call if you know not the pivot foot

The foot movements may look different and difficult to see

Watch each player in the warm up and easier it might be

When the player receives the ball while on solid ground

There are moves that can be made that are fundamentally sound

There will be a choice of pivot foot be the left or the right

This will always be true throughout the game night

The pivot foot may be lifted to pass or to attempt to score

But the ball must be released before it again touches the floor

If you lift the pivot foot before the dribble does begin

That violation will be called as traveling which is a sin

A player who is moving or dribbling may come to a legal stop

By establishing the pivot foot with a step or a hop

If he is aloft then on both feet has simultaneously alit

Then either foot may be used to skillfully pivot

If he lands on one foot followed by the other to touch

The former is the pivot foot while the latter cannot do much

If he lands on one foot then hops onto two

He now has no pivot foot options so he might be in a stew

If while holding the ball he falls to the floor or to one knee

Guilty of traveling he will most certainly be

If he loses his balance and he cannot stand

It is legal to brace himself by touching the floor with either hand

If one does receive the ball while lying flat on the floor

Many of the movement options have gone out the door

If you are flat on your back you may sit up to have a look

But if you stand up your own goose you will cook

You may dribble the ball from your position on the floor

Then while dribbling you may get up to pass or try to score

To lift the pivot foot may be a violation or a sin

If it is lifted before the dribble does begin

Further clarification of this rule might be in demand

The pivot foot may not be lifted until the ball leaves the hand

So call that travel and enhance your good name

But remember that this call must never be a guessing game

Interpreting the rules of the game can cause one to be most humble

I am not certain if you can dribble/fumble/dribble or fumble/
dribble/fumble

Let not this rule cause you pain or havoc around the house

And never check for the pivot foot while dancing with your
spouse