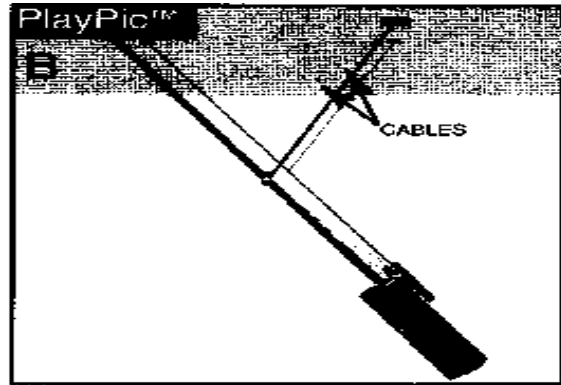
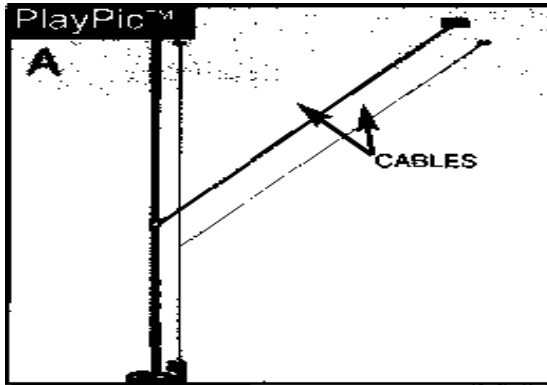


### Retractable Cables

Rule 2-2-2 states that cables, which are used to retract a ceiling-suspended net system and located only on one side of the net, are playable overhead obstructions. In Play Picture A, the net is in its vertical position, and it's raised in Play Picture B.

By clarifying that retracting cable is a playable overhead obstruction only on the side of the court where the cables are located allows for more equitable play and falls within the intended application of playable overhead obstructions.



### Vertical Backboards

Mis-directed and shanked balls create problems for everyone. Teammates scramble to recover the ball, officials are faced with following the flight of the ball and many odd things can happen. Often, decisions involve vertical backboards (2-2-1, 2-4-1d PEN 2).

If a shanked ball clearly would have gone out of play regardless of hitting the vertical backboard or not, the official should award a point to the opposing team, when there is a chance the ball would have remained in play had the vertical backboard (Play Pictures A and B) not been there, and there is a player in the vicinity, a replay is called.

Play Picture C illustrates a backboard that is partially raised. Therefore, it is no longer considered a vertical backboard, but an overhead obstruction. The ball remains in play provided the ball contacts the obstruction on the side of the net extended that is occupied by the team that last played the ball, and the ball is legally played next by the same team.

