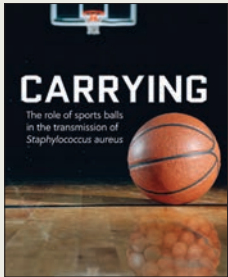


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Carrying: to support and move (someone or something) from one place to another; a violation in the game of basketball that occurs when the dribbling player continues to drib-

ble after allowing the ball to come to rest in one or both hands. Considering this issue's cover article, "The Sports Ball as a Fomite for the Transmission of *Staphylococcus aureus*," carrying was an excellent word to represent the context and findings of the article. The study described in the article explores the prevalence and transmissibility of *S. aureus* in three surfaces commonly encountered in the gymnasium setting: the court floor, the sports ball, and the athlete's hands. The study demonstrates the significance of the sports ball as a vector for pathogen transmission and advocates for interventions aimed at reducing athletic outbreaks to include routine disinfection of sports balls during and after play.

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