

Good morning!

Take a look at a play [here](#).

I count blue possibly penalized three times. White pushes blue going for the ball in the corner, white uses his foot to pull the ball closer to himself and blue is called for a foul after the pass.

To break each of these down, blue is definitely knocked off his line by white on the loose ball. This is a foul on white. White uses his foot to briefly pull the ball to himself. This is not the 'normal' striking the ball with any part of the leg, but it is a violation. After the pass, white turns and runs into blue. There may be different interpretations about this being a foul on either, but blue does not need to give the white ball handler ANY time or distance since he is a ball handler, not being screened. If either of the other two whistles happens, blue does not get called for a foul after the pass.

One thing that may have helped is a rotation by L. As the clip begins, the drive is coming out of the corner, so there may have been an opportunity for L to rotate just prior to the drive. L appears to be looking across the paint and when that happens, we want to 'let our feet follow our eyes.' If L had rotated, there would have been a better chance of getting the first foul or kick violation. Regardless, C had a great look at the play. These types of plays on the loose ball can lead to more extra-curricular action later and needs to be called.

This is a rivalry game where the teams do not like each other. This particular game was a lopsided game and a tight whistle can keep everything in check as much as possible. Talk about rivalry game issues in your pre-game conference and be alive at ALL times in these games!

Thursday extra: I have heard of officials saying they do not want Jr officials in their chapter. Officials have even said they are worried about losing games. This is shocking. I actually received a call from a softball assignor asking what we are doing to get Jr officials. He mentioned that a couple of the most experienced officials did not want new officials. There are plenty of games out there for all of us to work! I believe this Jr official program will save officiating and finally get new officials who are not 50+ years old! Let's support this program and mentor these new officials! It can be EXTREMELY rewarding!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim