

Good morning!

Hopefully your game gets played as scheduled tonight! With all the postponements yesterday, please make sure your assigner knows your closed/blocked dates!

Handoff screens.....take a look [here](#) for another.

First, remember that for a screen to even possibly be illegal, contact must occur.

Second, *any offensive player not dribbling the ball* could be considered a screener.

Third, the time it takes to go from being a ball handler to becoming a screener is virtually instantaneous.

In the play above, the ball handler hand the ball off to a teammate. The defender of the teammate tries to continue playing defense on his man – the new ball handler. The new ball handler AND his defender are moving towards the dribbler before the handoff. The handoff occurs which makes the old ball handler a potential screener *immediately*. Since the new ball handler's defender *is moving*, any screen set must allow time and distance for the screener player to avoid the screen. In this handoff, there was no time and distance allowed for the player being screened to avoid contact since it happened almost immediately, so the responsibility of the contact is on the screener. Even though this was a POE in our preseason meetings, the plater/coach may have a question about the foul call. Just be prepared to explain what happened and why it was illegal.

As far as the mechanic used by the official, I wasn't very good. We are now supposed to use the universal player control signal of fist up to stop the clock, hand behind the head, signal the other way and point to the spot of the throw-in (never free throws for team/player control fouls).

Tuesday Extra: Make sure to contact partners a day or so before the game AND if your game changes, contact your new partners. Do not assume they are confirmed, make sure to talk or get a text/email reply!

Have a great game tonight and be safe!

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