

Good morning!

Hope you had a great start to the week!

More freedom of movement.....take a look at the clip [here](#). The point of this clip is that there WAS a foul committed, as the clinician states, the defender touched the ball handler 3 times. This is an *automatic foul according to rule 10.6.12*. Again, these types of fouls are not judgement decisions, these are fouls.

Let's talk about the positioning and communication between the officials in this clip. Trail makes the call, which is well into C's primary. The ball handler/defender PRIOR to the one in which the foul was called most likely originated in T's primary and went high above C. T obviously stayed with the new matchup after the pass. This is fine *if the crew had decided on this during their pregame conference*. If this was the case, then C would be permitted to continue to focus on the low block area – giving the play to T. In this particular play, the C is looking right at the matchup as well as the T. That is a bit concerning since L has the other 8 players.

What may have been the best case here is for T to continue with the original ball handler/defender matchup, then when the pass happens *and C accepts the play by looking at it (and should have initiated a closely guarded count)*, the T would give the play up....and the L would recognize C had a high closely guarded count so would rotate to help him. C needed to have a bit more of a sense of urgency and assertiveness to 'take' the new matchup. As it was, the T was a *long* distance away and made the call 'right in front of C'. IF T stayed with it as he did, he should have taken a step or two towards the play as the players moved away from him to give a way better perception and to get a better look.

Bottom line is they got the hand check foul correct in this play!

Remember that we only get what we want to from watching film – especially our own!

Tuesday Extra: Remember that live ball contact can NOT be a technical foul....if deemed a foul, it can be common, intentional or a flagrant intentional. Dead ball contact is the only contact that can be a technical foul. Even a live ball punch is not a T, it would be a flagrant intentional. The difference is where the ball would be put in play AND remember that two T's result in fouling out. Assessing a T has multiple effects on the game!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim