

Good morning! First day of the last week of most district regular season games...wow.....

[Here](#) is a clip....what do you have?

Was the ball handler ever 'over'? He needs both feet and the ball to have front court status. His left foot never made it to the front court. In a three-person game, this needs talked about in a pre-game conference. "In transition, C needs to stay up and help on the press and C has a cone the whole way across the court – if C has a foul across the court, take a couple steps towards it to make it appear closer – and C could also have a potential back court violation." C was in good position here as it appears and looks like he was looking at the play for a potential violation. Even though T generally makes these back court calls, by talking about it in a pre-game conference, the crew knows that C could have these types of plays. In a two-person game, this becomes much more difficult as L is usually well up court or at the baseline already if the players are there. We get more spread out in a two-person crew in pressing situations than any other and violations/fouls near the division line can sometimes be difficult. Do not be afraid to MOVE towards the play at new T – you can always move back!

The most important tip I can give today is about the value of a pre-game conference. A pre-game, even among the most experienced officials, gets each person in a 'basketball frame of mind.' The pre-game gives reminders, info about team and player tendencies if known, but very importantly gets the crew mentally prepared. Trust your partners. As we get close to playoffs, do not sell you or your crew short in your pre-game conference!

Monday Extra: In the evaluators webinar last evening, it was indicated that the crew may stand on EITHER side of the court for the anthem and starting lineups – either at the division line opposite the table OR table side. This is up to the crew.

Have a great game today!

Tim