

Good morning!

Hope you are well.....and hope you are enjoying the last full week of the 'regular' season! Games can be played through March 27 and will be interesting to see how many teams do play beyond the start of spring sports practice on March 8! At any rate, SO FORTUNATE that games are being played!

Tuesday was a back court play.....[here](#) is another.....thanks Craig Bradley for this clip!

So in real time, do you have a violation? Slo-mo says we do not because the players' foot touched in the back court BEFORE he caught the ball, but it is VERY close! Remember that we must be *positive* that a foul or violation occurs to put Air in the whistle.....we can NOT say to a coach "I THINK it was a back court violation'.

In addition, the C was in PERFECT position to SEE the play and make a determination.....and if not positive, we have a 'safe' call! C did not 'think' it was a catch then step. I am not sure he KNEW it was 'foot down then catch' but he did not guess. The C did not bail out on this play since there was pressure in the back court. Remember that C has that 'V' or 'cone' going up the floor and as we hopefully talk about in a pre-game conference 'could have a potential back court violation'. The C here would have had a great answer to explain to the coach.....maybe something like 'Coach, I had a great look at it and.....'.

Have a great game tonight! Doesn't hurt to than game administration and coaches for playing games which allows us to keep doing what we are! Stay well and safe travels!

Tim