

Good morning!

This is the last Friday play date in the decade! For many of us, the Y2K craze of 20 years ago doesn't seem THAT long ago!

Well.....time for a 'discussion' clip!!!! Take a look [here](#).

So first off.....foul? I have a foul. The question that needs asked is 'what did the defender do wrong?' Did blue #1 establish LGP? Yea, he was facing the ball handler with two feet on the floor. Did he *maintain LGP*? Looks like he moved TOWARDS the ball handler, not sideways or obliquely (backwards or back at an angle).

ART. 2

To obtain an initial legal guarding position:

- a. The guard must have both feet touching the playing court.
- b. The front of the guard's torso must be facing the opponent.

ART. 3

After the initial legal guarding position is obtained:

- a. The guard may have one or both feet on the playing court or be airborne, provided he/she has inbound status.
- b. The guard is not required to continue facing the opponent.
- c. The guard may move laterally or obliquely to maintain position, provided it is not toward the opponent when contact occurs.
- d. The guard may raise hands or jump within his/her own vertical plane.
- e. The guard may turn or duck to absorb the shock of imminent contact.

I am sure we could argue a foul or not for an entire chapter meeting. We don't have that luxury of discussion in a game!!!

So, a foul was whistled on blue #1. Is this LEAD's call?? YES! If we accept that L has a secondary defender, we will avoid nearly all double whistles! In this case, there was NO double whistle and L had a foul on a secondary defender.

The philosophy behind this is that when the drive comes from C (or T) that C (or T) will have the primary defender and any foul. Once the contact is with a secondary defender, L takes this because there is a slim chance that C (or T) saw how the secondary defender 'got there'. It really is easy for C (or T) to take their primary defender and relinquish 'whistle rights' to the L when the primary defender is not involved. The same concept goes in a two-person game as well!

Does this play deserve a whistle? Yea, this is one we need a whistle on. The ball handler was under control and took illegal contact by blue #1.

TALK in pre-game about how you are handling drives (PCA official has primary defender, L has secondary defender).....and about protecting shooters/drives to the hole (but not bailing ball handlers out when out of control). This topic is crucial in our games at every level. Get in a habit of making it a part of every pre-game conference!

Friday Extra: If you have to address a coach or bench a SECOND time, most likely a technical foul is warranted, regardless of whether you gave a book warning or not. Comments like 'we are playing 8 on 5' or any unsporting comment are immediate technical fouls. Coaches know better and when they cross the line, let them know.

Have a great game tonight!

Tim