

Good morning!

We are getting winter weather here in NW PA this morning and it looks like the tip of the iceberg...UGH! I guess we have been lucky so far this winter!

Today's clip...one that happens quite infrequently, but we need to be prepared when that one time in our game that it DOES happen. Here is the rule for the play:

A player shall not travel with the ball, as in 4-44, intentionally kick it, as in 4-29, strike it with the fist or cause it to enter and pass through the basket from below.

**NOTE:** Kicking the ball is a violation only when it is an intentional act; accidentally striking the ball with the foot or leg is not a violation.

**PENALTY:** The ball is dead when the violation occurs and is awarded to the opponents for a throw-in from the designated out-of-bounds spot nearest the violation.

Take a look at the play [here](#). Just don't get caught off guard.....and no problem with a late whistle if it does catch you a little behind! The rationale for the rule is 100% safety.....a fist is not to be part of our game in any regard. After you blow the whistle and stop the clock with an open hand, signal the direction and say loudly "Hit the ball with a fist!" We have no defined signal for a 'fisted' ball so use your voice to explain it!

Wednesday Extra: Use your voice! When you report a foul to the table, USE YOUR VOICE! If there are free throws involved, after reporting to the table, turn to your partner and USE YOUR VOICE to tell him/her how many free throws....."TWO SHOTS JIM"! When you use your voice strongly, it portrays confidence. USE YOUR VOICE!

Have a great game today and safe travels.

Tim