

Good.....uhhhh, afternoon. What a morning with the weather and rescheduling games, so sorry for today's delay!

Take a look [here](#) for today's clip.

What we had was a hand check foul.....it WAS a hand check.....and we are many times tempted to allow a hand check go, especially one where the ball handler is going to the hole and has beaten the defender. Guess what happened here.....the lead official was officiating the secondary defender and there was a crash. It WOULD have been a player control on white had the C not had a hand check foul. If that had happened, we would have penalized white twice (1 – not calling the hand check and 2 – calling a PC on him). Hand checks are as close to black and white as we have in our rules set. The one here was definitely an armbar.

Be vigilant on hand checks – the game will be cleaned up a ton!

ART. 12

The following acts constitute a foul when committed against a ball handler/dribbler. A player becomes a ball handler when he/she receives the ball. This would include a player in a post position.

- a. Placing two hands on the player.
- b. Placing an extended arm bar on the player.
- c. Placing and keeping a hand on the player.
- d. Contacting the player more than once with the same hand or alternating hands.

Wednesday Extra: KEEP YOUR CLOSED/BLOCKED DATES CURRENT WITH YOUR ASSIGNER. OPEN MEANS OPEN AND WHEN AN ASSIGNER makes an assignment and it is declined or given back, that is not a good situation. With the amount of rescheduled games and so few dates to play games, assigners and AD's are talking continually to make sure that officials are available. Sometimes YOU are the only official available and turning down a game has an incredible domino effect or causes games to be rescheduled when they shouldn't need to be. Keep your assigner happy, keep your closed dates current!