

Good morning!

Hoping games are played today and tomorrow with the weather.

Traveling...the toughest play to officiate in our game in my opinion. A request was made to take a look at traveling plays in the girls game due to coaches and spectators yelling 'travel' and wanting to know if they are correct. In all seriousness, nearly all spectators have no idea that traveling is 100% about the pivot foot in our game and has *nothing at all* to do with the number of 'steps'. It has *nothing* to do with 'looking weird' either!

The clip will show 5 travel calls from one game, 4 different types that we will discuss. Remember that we have 2 major components that would make us put air in the whistle to call a travel:

- 1) The pivot foot is lifted and comes back down, or
- 2) A dribble is started before the ball is released from the hand(s) to start a dribble.

Take a look at the clip of the travels called [HERE](#).

The first is when blue 1 receives the pass. *We must know the pivot foot*, and she catches the pass with her right foot as the pivot. She picks it up (legal) but puts it back down (illegal). When the pivot foot is lifted and put back down, we have a travel!

The second is at the end of the dribble and the dribble ends (many times called the 'gather') with her left foot on the floor (the pivot foot). She then steps forward further and lifts the pivot foot (legal) then puts it down (illegal). Again, when the pivot foot is lifted and put back down, we have a travel!

The third is at the start of the dribble...and basically the ball handler gets a 'running start' into the dribble. As above and in rule 4.44, the ball must be released to start the dribble before the pivot foot leaves the floor. White 40 does not release the ball before lifting the pivot foot, hence a travel.

The fourth is the more common start of a dribble travel where the ball handler begins a drive and the feet (pivot foot in particular) moves off the floor to try to beat the defender before the ball is released to start the dribble...travel!

The last is the same as the fourth, the pivot foot is lifted before the ball released on the start of a dribble...travel!

There were 5 total travels called in this game. Be POSITIVE of them – do not guess! Watch travel plays and it helps see what is happening!!

Tuesday extra: When you KNOW what is right, you KNOW the rule, you KNOW what has happened, it does not matter what anyone else says, do it right! The PIAA will always support us when we do it right, follow the rules and be honest!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim