

Good morning!

Traveling is the toughest call we have to make in my opinion. The pivot foot is THE determining factor for our game. Traveling in the HS game has nothing to do with 'steps'. It all depends if the pivot foot comes back to the floor. We MUST realize that a pivot foot only exists when a player is not dribbling.....and the toughest decision in regards to determining a travel *at the end of a dribble* is when the dribble actually ended – when does the ball come to rest – when has the ball been gathered? There are many ways to describe this but it all refers to the same thing – when is the pivot foot established – and ultimately which is the pivot foot.

Watching film of potential travel calls helps immensely. We have had to officiate 'step-back' three-point shots a great deal in recent years. Take a look at an example of a step-back three point shot [here](#).

THIS is a travel. The pivot foot is established then is picked up and put back on the floor.....TRAVEL! This is the James Harden step-back. It is legal in the NBA since they have a different rules set than we do.

When watching film, hopefully you can see when the dribble ends and hence the pivot foot is established. Use slo-mo to verify. The more you watch these, the more you get them right and the slower they ultimately look in real time!

Thursday Extra: Never let your guard down in a game. 'When the ball is dead, we must be alive' is one great bit of advice. There were 4 issues with fans/coaches/players resulting in technical fouls/flagrant fouls/addressing fan behavior locally yesterday. Never assume that all is good.....be aware at all times and address appropriately what needs addressed.

Stay strong, stripes and have a great game tonight!

Tim