Good morning everyone! Friday is here!

Hope you had a good week of games. The good teams are starting to know they are good, the weaker teams are starting to show that as well. League play is in full swing and the next week will determine much as far as a team's 'strength' goes. Work hard and stay sharp.....this is the part of the season we need to be focusing extra hard to get through our own mid-season lull.

Today's tip is taking a little different twist.....o clip, just some reminders.....before those, the resumption of play for yesterday's clip is in need of discussion.

Remember yesterday's clip? The intentional foul followed by the flagrant foul (the kick)...... Let's assume we can all agree that the call WAS an intentional on white (fouled black 00) followed by the flagrant to black 00 (he kicked white). In this particular case, the intentional foul was NOT considered an act that instigated the 'punch' (kick). Remember that when some act does instigate a fight, it is penalized as flagrant as well. This was an intentional foul followed by a flagrant technical foul. (I am certain we could have discussions about this, but not at this time!) Resumption of play requires that we penalize the fouls in the order they happened. This is NOT a double foul since one was a personal and one a technical. If you consider them FALSE double, the resumption of play is the same also...penalized in order. SO.......the intentional happened first and black 00 was fouled, but was then ejected. His substitute will shoot the 2 free throws for the intentional (make sure we are at blacks end). Next, we would shoot the 2 free throws at white's end for the technical on black 00. ANY white team member who has not been disqualified make shoot these 2 free throws. The ball would then be put in play to WHITE opposite the table at the division line since this is resumption of play for a technical foul. Remember also that black 00 must remain on the bench even though ejected. Make sure to complete the paperwork within 24 hours, but PREFERABLY right after the game.

Mid-season tips:

- 1) A ball handler can NOT travel while dribbling the ball, fumbling the ball or during an interrupted dribble.
- 2) Inadvertent whistles resume play at point of interruption.....if there is no player control, we go to the arrow.
- 3) Basket interference......touching/slapping the BACKBOARD has NO effect on BI.
- 4) Goaltending...... touching/slapping the BACKBOARD has NO effect on GT.
- 5) A player not in the book or with a wrong number who somehow comes into the game, plays and exits the game before alerting us of the situation is legal and no penalty can be assessed UNTIL the player comes back into the game.
- 6) Wearing bracelets, watches or and wrist fitness device by officials is NOT permitted.
- 7) Shorts need not be the same color as the jersey......
- 8) Play should not be stopped to tie shoe laces.....wait for a whistle in play to have them tie shoelaces. IF A PLAYER wants to play with shoelaces untied, that is fine as long as the laces do not drag around on the floor (tuck them in or make sure they are short).
- 9) When a team returns from a TO, remind the thrower-in that it is a spot throw-in or he/she may run the endline, whichever is correct.
- 10) Only ONE scorekeeper may keep the book for the official book.....having 2 people keep one official book (one for each side of the book) is not permitted.....who would we make eye contact with when reporting fouls with two people on the official book?

Hope you have a great game tonight and a fantastic weekend! Video clips to return Monday! Tim