

Good morning!

Been a crazy 10 days with games/schedules since the New Year. Hopefully you are well and games are being played for you. With all the reschedules, please make sure to keep your assigner/Arbiter updated.

Take a look at a handoff screen [here](#). ANYTIME a handoff screen happens – when the ball handler hands the ball to a teammate then immediately contacts the teammate’s defender, we have an illegal screen. This is since the ball handler who handed the ball off is no longer a ball handler and is not protected as such. He/she became a screener *as soon as the ball was handed off* so must now abide by screening rules. I am sure there are cases where the moving defender is a step away from who the ball is handed off to, but that is one of the rare situations where a ball handoff screen would be legal.

Handoff plays are easy to see happen and then easy to see if the player who handed the ball off makes contact with the defender of the player who the ball was handed to – if this happens, put air in the whistle! THIS type of illegal screen may be the easiest screen to be officiated by the official whose primary coverage area the play happens since we do not need to see how the screened arrived at the spot and if the required time/distance was given.

Tuesday Extra: Officials Appreciation Week! Make a concerted effort to recruit one official this week! Our numbers are dwindling and new faces are welcome!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim