

Good morning!

Hope you had a great game last evening. Did you have any loose ball situations or plays where players ended up on the floor? Take a look at a clip of players on the floor [here](#).

When we have players on the floor and the ball remains live, we need to make sure that the players all get up ok, nobody is injured, and there is no retaliation or illegal action by anybody remaining on the floor. In this clip, the T did a GREAT job of closing down to the play as it progressed to a potential held ball situation (but never did). He also did a great job *staying with the players who were on the floor* as play transitioned the other way. We MUST make sure that players are not 'left behind' and not being observed when they remain on the floor.

If there had been an injury, we would let a scoring play end before stopping play with our whistle – UNLESS it is a severe injury that needs immediate attention. When we let the scoring play finish, we would have these options:

- 1) Team scores – whistle sounds for injury – throw-in on the endline where the team may run.
- 2) Team misses the shot – if offensive team has an immediate rebound and put-back, we allow that to happen, then a whistle for the injury when the shot is made or a long rebound with no immediate scoring chance – OR – if defensive team obtains the rebound, blow the whistle for the injury – in either case of a missed shot, the team who obtained the rebound would get a spot throw-in nearest where he/she was when the whistle blew.
- 3) The offensive team pulls the ball out to set up an offense – blow the whistle then for the injury – the offensive team would have a throw-in nearest the spot of the ball when the whistle sounded.

Remember that safety is the top concern for players on the floor and we need to stay with those players to make sure they get up and are healthy to continue play – and to make sure no 'extra-curricular activity' occurs!

Remind your partner(s) in your pre-game conference to stay with players on the floor.

Tuesday Extra: Your assigner will LOVE you if you keep your closed/blocked dates/open dates CURRENT by whatever means your assigner uses!!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim