

Hi All!

Hope all is well and your games are still being played!

Take a look at today's clip [here](#).

This would be a GREAT meeting discussion play for three-person positioning. Yes, this is a positioning clip.....and the official got the call right because of it!

Let's break down what happened in the play. Just as the video begins, the L initiates a rotation. The C table side is actually a bit high but takes a step *down* (towards the baseline) when the rotation happens. This is fantastic by the C (new T on the rotation). C has the drive initiate from him and he does NOT bail on the play just because the rotation happened. We have always been taught that 'it's ok to have two C's for a bit but not ok to have two T's'. We DID have two C's here because C stayed with his ball handler/defender matchup. White 14 was the primary defender and he is the defender the C was officiating with the ball handler. The L had white 13, the secondary defender. L had a good block of the shot by white 13 (and gave a signal to indicate that for which we do not do in NFHS). The C who made the call SAW white 14 hit the left arm of the shooter, hence the foul. He did not hesitate, he called what he saw. This is great work by the C to not bail on his matchup, step down to get a good look and to call the foul.

The Jay Bilas comments are completely off base! The official was NOT 'out of position' and was able to SEE the play even though 'we are 60 feet away' and saw it clearly was not a foul! I would say these comments are unbelievable but nothing that comes out of Jay Bilas' mouth surprises me when it comes to officials.

The lesson to take from this clip is to not leave a competitive matchup just because a rotation happens. Stay with the play and officiate it until that matchup ends, then move to the new position.

Hope you have a great game tonight!

Tim