

Good morning!

Toughest call in our game? In my opinion, by far a travel. Take a look at a travel called [here](#).

We should have stopped the clock before any signal, but was this a travel? Did the pivot foot return to the floor? The girl called for a travel became a PIAA Jr official in December and was confused on why it was a travel. She was actually looking at the clip before talking to her about it! It needs said that girls seem to be called for this 'up and under' move significantly more than boys. We need to make sure that it is a violation before putting air in the whistle. A deliberate, sometimes 'slo-mo' looking move does not indicate a violation. She was actually called for another travel on an almost identical play later in the game as well. Let's just make sure we identify the pivot foot AND make sure it returns to the floor to be a violation.

Thursday extra: The PIAA Jr Official Program.....possibly the best program the PIAA has instituted for officials. This is a GREAT opportunity to help our ranks – in ALL sports – and we seriously need to promote the program. As assignors we need to GIVE these officials games, as veteran officials we need to HELP them get experience, as less experienced officials, we need to WELCOME them. No matter how you contribute to your local chapter, you can HELP Jr officials! Two Jr officials who worked their first games last night for our chapter at elementary games were Maddy Marczak and Cayden Baker. It was FANTASTIC to see their nervous excitement on their first games!!!!

