

Good morning everyone! Hope you are still doing well physically this week.....make sure to stretch before games AND after games. Many have their own routine, so stick to what works!

Just a note from yesterday's tip about the 1-second count and potential back court violation.....the 10 second count begins when the ball is *controlled inbounds by a player of the throw-in team*.

Today's tip.....that shot where there IS some contact but is it a foul? Without delay, take a look [here](#) and YOU determine if there is a foul on the shot or not.

Well, do you have a foul on the shot? I say *absolutely* that is a foul. Was there contact? YES. Was the shooter still in the act of shooting? YES. Did it affect the shot? YES. In this play, the shooter was not able to complete his follow-through. It can certainly be debated whether the ball was far enough out of his hand to affect the shortness of the shot, but he WAS contacted while in the act of shooting.

In THIS particular play, L is focused on the whole paint shot/rebound/dribble/shot action. He also takes a step toward the shot on which the foul was called. Notice that T steps down and looks in at the shot. I will be honest, I am not sure I want to get this from T as quick as T got it. T SHOULD let L have the chance to make this call. I would love to ask each of them what was seen since the angle WE have is probably the best...seeing the shooters arm contacted and actually moved backwards slightly. In a two-person game, this would be 100% lead's call.....it was right in front of L and T would have been opposite the play also.

These are ones that are easy to explain to a coach....."Coach, he was fouled while still in the act of shooting.....your kid will get the same call." So many times coaches, players and fans see the play through glasses tinted their own school colors. WE are the only ones in the gym with no ties to either team...the ONLY ONES who are there to see that each team gets the same treatment.

When we have contact such as this, not matter whose gym we are in, we have to make the call. *See the whole play* and make the call! Remember also it is always better to be late than to miss the call.

Hope you have a great game tonight and not only tell your partners what YOU are working on and your goal for improvement for the year, but ask each partner about his/her goal for the night and season.

Tim