

Good morning!

Philosophy Friday...take a look at the plays in this clip [HERE](#).

The common thread in these is that *contact causes the violation* in each play – the block causes the back court violation in the first and causes the travel in the second.

When we have illegal contact that causes a violation, we need to recognize it and call the foul. We cannot ‘pass’ on the contact and resort to the violation. When this happens, we penalize the ball handler twice...first not calling the foul, then calling a violation. Even if we blow the whistle, process what happened, then make a call, we are better off! This gets it right!

Friday extra: I wonder sometimes if I am repeating something I said already (and see Marty saying the same things in his Weekly Reminders). This topic is the official scorekeeper wearing a striped shirt *at all levels*. I hear the stories and get sent pictures of tables during games with the official scorer not wearing a striped shirt. THIS is easy...they MUST wear the striped shirt. If they refuse, find the game manager and ask for help. If we do not get help there, make the visiting scorer the official scorer, then immediately after the game, contact your chapter rules interpreter to address it with the athletic director.

Have a great game tonight and relaxing weekend!

Tim