Good morning!

The last week of play dates for the PIAA! Hope this week goes great regardless of regular season or playoffs for you!

Just a few 'reminders' for this week. Take a look at a foul here.

We obviously have a two-handed push in the back. This is in T's primary and she has a foul. We also have a whistle by both the L and C. This isn't ideal, but both L and C immediately start walking towards the T to discuss the foul. C backs off and makes sure that the players go to their bench so that the crew can talk. It is clear that L and C want to upgrade to an intentional foul, which they did. To upgrade, the calling official (T here??) should turn and report to the table signaling the intentional foul. The crew should also discuss that we will shoot two at white's end and that white 35 is the shooter, then the ball put in play at the 28 foot line table side where T was. Get the resumption of play right, it adds tons of credibility to the whole discussion and upgrade.

L definitely had a great view of what happened since he could see 'between' the defender who two-handed pushed, and the ball handler. T was slightly straight-lined and probably could have moved to get a good angle to see between them as well. Most likely this was a play where the coach for black was yelling 'FOUL HER!'

In situations where the team losing 'wants' to foul, we need to be aware and not caught off guard by a non-play on the ball. In my opinion, we do not penalize these immediately as intentional fouls as we should. We many times call a common foul and say 'make sure to make a play on the ball'. If an intentional foul is called, I say that it sends a more effective message....AND it is an easy explanation to the coach. Something like 'Coach, she two-handed pushed her in the back with no play on the ball, that is an easy intentional foul.'

Do not be afraid to issue intentional fouls this week, especially those end of game plays where a coach is yelling 'FOUL!' and there is no play on the ball.

Monday Extra: Be diligent on stretching and taking care of yourself this week!

Monday Bonus: Be diligent on reminding partners to take care of themselves this week!

Have a great last Monday of the regular season tonight!

Tim