

Good morning! Hope you are surviving the week and this stretch of the season.

Today's tip deals with a situation off a free throw...the rebound and resulting action. I will be the first to admit that part of every single one of my pre-game conferences is the discussion of "let's get the stuff early that we don't want to have to officiate all night long, like raking on the rebound." That being said, just because a rebound is secured, we have to SEE a foul to call it. The official in this play sees blue get the rebound off the missed free throw and then when white reaches for the ball that blue has secured, he is patient enough to SEE the play...and that the grab of the ball was nothing more than just grabbing the ball. White did not reach through the arm or around blue to attempt to take the ball away. This was not a foul, great job of seeing the whole play by the official.

In addition, the official has a patient whistle on the potential held ball also. Think about the philosophy of sucking on the whistle a split second when we are ready to blow it for a held ball and 9 times out of 10, the stronger player will take the ball away. What we need to make sure we do is call a held ball if it caused either player to violate (like travel). In the case here, the official again was patient enough to see the whole play and NOT have a held ball.

The result of this was a pass to a teammate and a foul on the shot. There was a LOT that happened in a short amount of time in this play.....the officials were patient and saw the entire play and were correct on each decision! Take a look at the clip [here](#).

Remember, SEE the whole play, be patient when you can and good things will happen!

Have a great game tonight and stay sharp.

Tim