

Good morning!

Yesterday's clip generated some interesting discussion! Today's tip may well also.....same clip as yesterday! [Here](#) it is. I think we all can agree that the ball never gained front court status...and the left foot was never totally in the front court.

So now that T has a violation and C definitely does NOT have a violation, can we do anything? This is where some might disagree. I say that yes, we CAN do something. *This is not a judgment call* such as a foul where one official judged it differently than another. This is like an OOB where one official offers the other information.

In this particular play, the C could go to the T after he had a violation and offered information. He could either ask the T what he saw (maybe a moot point since he had a violation) OR say 'the left foot never was in the front court nor was the ball.' If the T takes that information and accepts it, great. If he doesn't use the information, great. When we come in on an OOB where we saw something different, sometimes it gets changed and other times not. If the T wants to 'get it right' and decides he guessed or didn't see the whole play, he would then blow the whistle and signal 'WHITE BALL.' He MAY need to explain that the C was right on the division line and SAW what happened. He might also say "I kicked that one and we are getting the rule correct."

Is this a correctable error? Nope, definitely not. Does something like this happen often? NO! It could be a tipped ball going into the back court that the T didn't see and ruled a back court violation when it wasn't. C could offer info there as well. Do we upgrade common fouls to intentional fouls? Sure – a partner has information to offer (this one is judgment, yes). Do we change an OOB on a tipped shot when the ruling official doesn't see it? Yes! When *factual* things happen, we should at least offer the info and let the ruling official decide what to do with it.

If I am the official who kicked a violation like this, I would want help on it!

As mentioned yesterday, back court pressure needs to be a pre-game discussion. In this play, after the ball was passed to near the division line, T still had 3-4 players to monitor. THAT is why we actually WANT C to have this division line situation.

TALK in pregame more than "I'll check the books at 12:00 and we will get captains at 5:00."

Tuesday Extra: If a ruling official changes a call after being given information OR knows he/she signaled incorrectly, blow the whistle and signal the correct direction while firmly giving the color!

Have a great game today!

Tim