

Good morning!

Hope you had a great weekend and a relaxing Sunday!

Take a look at [this clip](#) that has 2 combined clips regarding freedom of movement. Both clips are involving white 3 and blue 33.

The first matchup between these two players occurs near the strong side low block. T has the ball handler/defender matchup and it appears that L is looking at the ball handler also. This is lead's responsibility to see the other couple matchups in the low block/paint area since T has not 'given up' the ball handler/defender matchup. T actually has nothing else in his primary. The matchup on this play between white 3 and blue 33 might not appear like it violates the spirit of freedom of movement, but it doesn't take long to escalate, as in the second play shown.

In the second play, blue 33 obviously belly's up and prohibits white 3 from freedom of movement. Does blue 33 have a right to a spot on the floor? Absolutely, but he cannot move into white 3 and hold/block him from going where he wants to. THIS is a foul in the spirit of the freedom of movement rules we were asked to start enforcing 7 or 8 years ago. On this play, the C has the ball handler and dribbler and would have a tough time seeing what is happening above that matchup. This should most likely be a matchup (similar to a screen on the ball handler's defender) from T. Even as the rotation happens, T can get a look at the matchup since he has almost nothing contested in his primary.

In a two-person game, both of these plays are extremely difficult. On the play in the low block area, T really would have a tough time even seeing there, if he/she should even look. On the second play, there is no way L should/could go above T to help on that. Getting these from the official's own primary is very, very difficult.

Monday extra: When you are sharing clips from your games with your partner(s) or other people you talk about plays with, try adding a new/Jr official to the text discussion so they can SEE what we do to improve our games! THIS is how we prepare, review and practice!

Have a great Monday and game tonight!

Tim