

Good morning everyone! Brrr.....good thing is that the cold weather has ducks here now! Haha.....(I am a duck hunter!)

A little change to the quiz questions.....starting Monday I will include the question followed by its answer near the end of the article.....here is yesterday's question (the answer is YES....POE for this year) followed by today's question (answer at the end).....

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| 4. While A-1's free throw is in flight, B-1, in a marked lane space, steps across the free-throw line before the ball hits the ring or backboard. The try contacts the ring but is unsuccessful. The official rules a free-throw violation and awards A-1 a substitute free throw. Is the official correct? | 4. Yes | No |
| 5. A-1 is dribbling in the frontcourt when B-1 deflects the ball away from A-1. The ball is rolling toward the backcourt and is picked up by A-2, who is straddling the division line. The official rules a backcourt violation. Is the official correct? | 5. Yes | No |

Sorry for the later than usual tip yesterday.....remember that you can look at archived tips at [Tri City Basketball Officials Tips of the Day](#) page.

Today's topic.....unsporting play. Just a note from yesterday.....if someone asked me what I would hopefully have called on the elbows play after passing on the two-handed push (whether I saw it or not), I would have to say a double intentional foul. It would be hard to call a flagrant on those, but I would also talk to both and relay the severity of their actions to them.

On to today.....in this clip, there is a very strong possibility that it would be missed in many games, just as it was here. Team black scores a goal, everyone turns to go the other way and each of us has a responsibility.....

In three-person, new lead is looking for that competitive matchup that is heading up the floor first.....new trail has the endline throw-in and has to make sure the thrower-in gets OOB, has a count and the throw-in is completed legally and center has to make sure there is no pressure before starting up the court at about the same pace as the bulk of the players....

In two-person, new lead still is looking for that first (deepest) competitive matchup and new trail has the same responsibilities as new trail in a three-person game. Who has all the rest? Hmmm....VERY tough to get the actions present in today's clip.....

In either a two or three-person game, we need to make sure we are not bailing out AT ALL at new lead and center. In fact, unless we have a team who throws long passes regularly, we need to be very patient after a made goal...take a look at the rest of the players and just make a mental note what you see.....SEE BIG (see what is happening in your old primary before leaving) and MAKE SURE you are looking back over your shoulder.

OK, on to the clip.....go [here](#) to see it and think about what you have when you see it in your game.

What do you have? Yea, he intentionally tripped the opponent. FLAGRANT UNSPORTING TECHNICAL FOUL. There is NO room in our game for an intentional act such as this. Now, see how easily it could be missed? Unless we are looking right there, we probably know the tripped player went to the floor but not sure how he got there. IF WE SEE THIS HAPPEN, we have an immediate whistle, eject the player, got to the table and report it AND have them write in the book the time it happened, then ask the official scorer to write on a piece of paper the player's name, number and the final score of the game and you

will pick it up at the end of the game (that way you have it for your DQ report). Make sure to file that DQ report within 24 hours.....but with the ease of using the PIAA website to do it, take 5 minutes when you get home so that Pat G can act on it right away in the morning and get the info to schools.

Does anything change if you knew that this player was called for a petty little two-handed push earlier in the game and his coach took him out and had a 'discussion' with him? Sure might...we may be keeping out third eye on him as he might be a knucklehead.....and this play confirms he is. Players such as this deserve some attention in our pre-game conference we have before we take the floor also.

If/when you see something like this, do not get caught off guard.....this is NOT a basketball play and is not in any way part of our game. As I was reminded that Marty Mauer says....."Will you duck when it hits the fan or will you be the one to turn the fan off?"

Hope you have a fantastic game tonight, a relaxing weekend with loved ones and you are still healthy after the first week of games!

Tim