

Good morning!

Hope you are making it through the first week of games well and learning something in every game. Remember to tell your partner what you are working on this game and ask your partner(s) what they are working on as well.

Yesterday dealt with free throws.....let's stay there for today. Take a look at the clip [here](#). Did the defender boxing out the free throw shooter cross the free throw line before the shot hit the rim? Was the free throw shooter contacted before the shot hit the rim? If either of these questions has an answer of 'yes' then we have issues to rectify.

If the defender only crossed the free throw line early, we have a replacement free throw for the missed free throw. If the free throw had gone in, we play on.

If we had contact on the free throw shooter before the free throw ends, we have multiple scenarios depending on which free throw was being shot (first of a one-and-one, second of a one-and-one, first of two, second of two, first of three, second of three or third of three).

[Here](#) is a video with different free throw scenarios and the rulings. You will probably need to pause the clip at the parts to read the rulings.

In the play in the original clip, at the very least, go to the players on the next free throw and remind them they may not cross the *free throw* line before the ball hits the ring or backboard. Make sure to say FREE THROW line when you tell them so that they do not interpret 'do not cross the LINE' as meaning the lane line. The original clip is very close to an answer of yes OR no when I asked if the defender crossed the free throw line before the ball hit the ring. If you determine 'no, she did not cross early' then make sure to talk to the player(s). If there WAS an early entry and any contact (must be a foul) as in the second video examples, we need to rule accordingly.

Hope you have a great game today!

Tim