

Good morning!

Let's first make sure to be thankful we didn't have an issue in our game like Kansas/Kansas State last night.....NO WAY that was going to be stopped by the officials.....period. Hopefully none of us ever have to deal with a situation like this one was.

Block/charge.....remember that a ball handler does not have to be given time or distance once he or she receives the ball. For the clip today, the ball handler DID have the ball.....take a look [here](#).

Remember the definition of LGP and maintaining it on a ball handler:

ART. 2

To obtain an initial legal guarding position:

- a. The guard must have both feet touching the playing court.
- b. The front of the guard's torso must be facing the opponent.

ART. 3

After the initial legal guarding position is obtained:

- a. The guard may have one or both feet on the playing court or be airborne, provided he/she has inbound status.
- b. The guard is not required to continue facing the opponent.
- c. The guard may move laterally or obliquely to maintain position, provided it is not toward the opponent when contact occurs.
- d. The guard may raise hands or jump within his/her own vertical plane.
- e. The guard may turn or duck to absorb the shock of imminent contact.

ART. 4

Guarding an opponent with the ball or a stationary opponent without the ball:

- a. No time or distance is required to obtain an initial legal position.
- b. If the opponent with the ball is airborne, the guard must have obtained legal position before the opponent left the floor.

Article 4.....Guarding an opponent *with the ball* requires no time or distance to obtain a legal guarding position.

In plays like this, many times an official will rule a travel instead of a foul. If it's a foul, rule a foul! Please remember that in this clip, we are looking at it as the offensive player HAD received the ball....and if so, a correct Player Control foul was ruled. These are 'train wrecks' that need a whistle.....'referee the defense'!

Referee the defense means that since LGP is required to have a player control, the only way to KNOW if LGP was obtained is if we SEE how the defense gets to his/her spot and WHEN the spot is obtained. This not only is important in plays such as this, but ALL ball handler/defender plays.....and secondary defender plays, hence why L has secondary defender responsibilities on drives to the goal.

Talk about refereeing the defense in your pre-game.....and yes, pre-game conferences should be more than a 5 minute talk.....get focused on the game!!!

Thursday extra: Let's make sure to do the 'little' things every game.....have a whistle on ALL substitutes when you beckon them onto the floor.

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- in the program that been replaced and the ball is about to become live.
- F. The official beckoning the substitutes should:
1. Ensure that it is appropriate to beckon substitutes (i.e., the ball is not live, fellow official needs to report a foul).
 2. Sound his/her whistle, raise an open hand.
 3. Signal for the substitutes to enter the court.
 4. Keep the other hand raised (stop-clock signal) until the substitution(s) is completed and play may begin.

Have a great game tonight!

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