

Hi Everyone! Hope you had a great Wednesday.....

Ever have something happen in your game and know you missed the 'first thing' but got the retaliation? Take a look at this play [here](#).

There are lots of lessons to be learned from this. The crew on this game is an EXCELLENT crew.....missing something happens to everyone. Let's take a look at a couple lessons we can learn.

How do we handle this as called in the clip?

The grab of the wrist by gold 15 was obviously missed and from the angle C had, we can see why.....the hold was screen by gold 15's body. So we SEE a push by blue 12 and that is what is called. One official has a flagrant immediately. (In NCAAM, they are permitted to use replay to 'get it right' with intentional and flagrants.) So we have a flagrant push on blue 12. This is a flagrant personal foul since it was live ball contact. Blue 12 is ejected from the game and must remain on the bench for blue. If he leaves the bench area, an adult MUST accompany him. Gold 15 will shoot the two free throws with the nobody on the lane lines and gold gets a throw-in nearest the spot of the flagrant personal foul.

What if we had seen the hold by gold 15 and blue 12 still pushed?

We have two options here.....one is if the holding foul on gold 15 was ruled a common or intentional foul. There appears to be no other reason that gold 15 grabbed blue 12 other than to neutralize an obvious advantage he would have had. Regardless, there is support for either a common or intentional foul. Let's look at each:

Common foul called on gold 15

In this case, blue 12 is ejected to the blue bench. Since blue benefits from the common foul, either a throw-in nearest the spot of the foul results if blue was not in the bonus, or blue 12's substitute would shoot bonus free throws (any eligible player on blue's bench may enter for blue 12). Since we had a foul on gold 15 which makes the play dead, the push by blue 12 is now ruled a flagrant technical foul because it is dead ball contact. Remember that dead ball contact cannot be ignored if it is intentional or flagrant. Instead of a flagrant *personal* foul as in the way it was actually called, we have a flagrant *technical* foul on blue 12. So, to resume play, we eject blue 12 to the bench and if blue is in the bonus, the substitute for blue 12 (anyone eligible from blue's bench) will shoot the bonus free throws with nobody on the lane lines. These are first because we administer them in the order that they happened. Next, we shoot the 2 free throws for the flagrant technical at gold's end by *any* team member of gold (who is still eligible – has not been DQ'd) in the game or on the bench. These free throws are with the lane lines cleared as well. We would then resume play with a throw-in opposite the table at midcourt for gold.

Intentional foul called on gold 15

This situation is almost the same as if the foul on gold 15 were common except that we WILL shoot two free throws by blue 12's substitute for the intentional foul on gold 15. The rest is the same as if it were a common foul on gold 15. The intentional has no effect on the throw-in since the flagrant technical occurred last so we use it to resume play.

Question: Could the coach for blue substitute a player in to shoot the free throws that blue 12 was entitled to and then take him back out of the game after shooting the free throws BUT before the throw-in to resume play?

How could the miss of the hold on gold 15 been seen? C probably could have seen it if he was looking right at the play. All of us can imagine missing this foul. The new L does a great job of seeing the turnover and transition begin and then looks for his next competitive matchup while going up the floor. He SEES the push by blue 12 and comes and gets it and confidently rules a flagrant immediately. Notice that he closes in on the play **right away** as well as the C and neither one leaves the area or turns his back on players. They want to make sure that order is restored and nothing else happens. They manage that part perfectly. There was no way that new L could have seen the hold by gold 15 as he was trail when the turnover occurred and it happened in his corner. He turned to look for his matchup as soon as he was able to. Likewise, new T had at least 6 players in his primary which made it virtually impossible to help get the hold.

On plays like this, it helps me to SEE what might happen and hopefully also help me to focus on my own primary at all times. A miss like this could (and does) happen to the best officials we have. Hopefully the misses like this are few and far between. As any veteran official will tell you, if we learn from our own and other's mistake, we are getting better.

Remember that the rivalry games are high tension from the time the teams walk in the gym, and similarly, the bad teams vs good teams can have as many situations that need our attention as any. Stay aware in EVERY game at ALL times!

Have a great game tonight!

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