

Hi Everyone:

Sorry for the 'test' email this evening,,,,,I was having an issue with the list-serve but it appears I figured it out.....w/o my better half's help no less! Ha!

Just a quick update for today's clip.....remember that you can go to [Tri City Basketball Officials](#) and click on "Tips of the Day" at the top to see previous tips and clips. Today's was the illegal screen in the paint.

First off...the screener is required to give 'one normal step backward without contact.' I do not see the screener here giving that much space for the player being screened to avoid contact.....hance a foul.

Second....even though lead got the foul, this would be PERFECT for C to get this call. The entire play opens up right in front of C and we would like to think that is exactly where C is looking.....then could get the foul.

Third.....MANY of us are working primarily 2-person games since a majority of games at all levels are 2-person. Take a look at this clip from a 2-person perspective.....let's say L is where L is in this 3-person set.....so T would be on the close side to the camera.....and since the ball was above the top of the key, would have the ball in his/her primary.....and the illegal screen would be in lead's primary. This is extremely difficult in a 2-person game.....lead has a cutter and his defender going through the paint plus 2 other defenders in the paint clogging it up...then blue runs the screen play for a potential layup.....VERY tough to get.....almost seems as though lead knew the play and was looking for it....

Fourth.....if I miss a call like this once due to processing what happened late allows me to not get caught off guard the second time it happens. Could this have happened here? Maybe....this play was late in the first half. In addition, with the availability of film out there, the officials may have 'scouted' the teams and knew this play was a possibility.

Fifth.....please know that even though many of the clips I use are from college games, the intent of the clip is to make a point about an NFHS rule and it's application. Sometimes NCAA and NFHS rules differ, but the reason for showing the clip is solely for NFHS applications.

Have a GREAT weekend...one week from today most of us lace them up for real!  
Awesome!

Tim