

Good morning! The cold is not as harsh but the snow returns! Never ends, does it?!

Hope you had a relaxing weekend and games went well if you actually got one in!

Today's tip is one of those plays that can catch us off guard if we aren't prepared. Remember, just because a play 'looks weird' doesn't mean something wrong happened. A late whistle and being right is better than a quick whistle and being wrong. Take a look at the clip [here](#) and see what you have. Look at the entire situation with players and officials also.

What do you have? Violation or not? Did the dribble ever *end*? Did the ball come to rest in the ball handler's hand? It certainly does not appear that he stopped the dribble by 'holding' the ball or by putting his hand under the 'equator' or the ball. This just appears to be a high dribble that the ball handler actually let come back down and continued on. There are several issues going on here....

First off, the coach almost seems to make the call. Not that he swayed the official's call here, but it just gives that appearance. We KNOW the rules way better than the coaches, trust ourselves. All I know is that the first thing that goes through my mind as the coach after that call is 'I hope one of my kids doesn't do that!'

Second, take a look where all the players are....all 10 are on the screen...in the front court. In this play, C almost seems to be where the T should be, and the T is not even in the video yet. If the T had been in the front court, he MAY have seen what actually happened. We don't know what he actually saw or did not see. Perception is huge!

Third, **make sure** when you blow the whistle that you are POSITIVE of what happened. If you are not SURE, they are safe...no whistle. THIS is most critical in a game.....be SURE when air goes into the whistle!

Have a great game today and remember, just because something looks weird doesn't mean something illegal happened.

Tim