

Good morning! Hope all is well with you. Make sure you are getting the rest needed to stay healthy for these last 3 weeks.

Loose ball plays.....lots can happen during loose balls. We must make sure to see the whole play AND to officiate this using an advantage/disadvantage philosophy.

What this means is that if A1 puts him/herself at an advantage through the contact he/she made with an opponent, it is a foul on A1. Similarly, if A1 puts an opponent at a *disadvantage* through the contact he/she created, we STILL have a foul on A1. We must see the entire play and realize that there are times when loose balls can create a lot of incidental contact and possibly that play when a player gains possession while sliding on the floor and everybody yells 'TRAVEL!' when we know it isn't. We must make sure to understand who created the contact and if a player gained an advantage or put an opponent at a disadvantage from it.

Take a look at the clip today....white 32 dives over an opponent and takes the legs out from under black 2. This is definitely a foul on white 32 for both gaining an advantage since he recovered the ball AND by putting black 32 at a disadvantage. In this particular clip, the foul was called the other way. Make sure we see the whole play here.

In addition, if a foul on a loose ball play is committed, we MUST BLOW THE WHISTLE. Letting plays like this go can lead to very bad consequences. Make sure to be focused on loose ball plays.

OK.....click [here](#).

Have a great day today and be ready when the ball becomes loose!

Tim