

Good morning.....hope all is well with you and you are ready for important games tonight and tomorrow. The groundhog saw his shadow so spring should be here right about state finals right? Yea, right..... Many seedings for playoffs will be decided in the next two weeks. We are in the 'last 2 minutes of the game' so to speak as far as the season goes.....we need to be on top of our game, at our best.

One additional comment to yesterday's clip of the intentional foul.....in a 'tense' situation like this fairly severe contact, when making the call, freeze a little longer to make sure there is no retaliation from the foul. You know you are going to talk to a partner, no need to rush. That being said, as partners, we need to recognize right away that our partner just had an 'intense' situation and may have a little more excitement, so help out by making sure nothing happens. In the clip yesterday (you can see it on [here](#)), white 40 comes walking in clapping his hands....certainly not because his teammate just got crushed, but almost baiting/taunting red 31 who committed the foul. We just need to be on high alert in a situation like this.

Today's tip.....throw-in plane and what can violate that. Defensively, the defender of a throw-in may not cross the boundary line at all.....we have 3 cases when he/she does:

- 1) Breaking the plane with no contact on the thrower-in or the ball results in a delay of game warning. This is a judgment call by the official in determining if the defender broke the vertical plane above the OOB line. If the official determines that the plane has been broken with no contact, blow the whistle, take the ball back from the thrower-in (give it to a partner if it is easy to) and go to the table to report the delay warning. Tell the scorekeeper "Write in the margin that we have delay of game on #15 white at 2:34 of the first quarter." After reporting this to the table, tell the head coach about the delay warning. This must be done in case a second delay happens. In addition, the FIRST time a delay happens, record it. Some teams make it a habit of hitting the ball after a goal, for example, in order to help get a press set up right away.
- 2) Breaking the plane and *contacting the ball* is NOT a judgment call and is by rule a technical foul. The clip today is an example of this. We may NOT say "the defender reached across the plane before contacting the ball so it is just a delay warning." The action of reaching across and contacting the ball is to be considered one action (10-4-10). In addition, remember that if the defender reaches through and hits the thrower-in's HAND while it is on the ball, it is the same as hitting the ball...technical foul.
- 3) Breaking the plane and *contacting the thrower-in* is NOT a judgment call and is by rule an intentional personal foul (9-2-10 penalty 4).

Here are a few case plays for these situations:

10.4.10 SITUATION A:

After a field goal, A1 has the ball out of bounds for a throw-in. Thrower A1 holds the ball: (a) B2 crosses the boundary line and fouls A1; or (b) B2 reaches through the out-of-bounds plane and touches the ball while in the hands of A1.

RULING: It is an intentional personal foul in (a), and a technical foul in (b). In (a), such a contact foul with the thrower during a throw-in shall be considered intentional, or if it is violent, it should be ruled flagrant.

COMMENT: Either act is a foul and it should be called whenever it occurs during a game without regard to time or score or whether the team had or had not been warned for a delay-of-game situation. If the player making the throw-in (A1) reaches through the out-of-bounds plane into the court and B1 then slaps the ball from the hand of A1, no violation has occurred. B1 has merely slapped a live ball from the hands of A1. (4-19-3, 4-19-4; 9-2-10 Penalty 3, 4)

10.4.10 SITUATION B:

After a field goal, the score is A-55, B-54. A1 has the ball out of bounds for a throw-in with two seconds remaining in the game. A1 throws the ball toward A2 who also is out of bounds along the end line. B2 reaches across the end line and grabs or slaps the ball while it is in flight. Time expires close to the moment the official indicates the infraction.

RULING: A technical foul is charged against B2. The remaining time or whether Team B had been previously warned for a delay-of-game situation is not a factor. No free throws are awarded as the winner of the game has been determined. (9-2-10 Penalty 3, 4)

10.4.10 SITUATION C:

Team A scores near the end of the fourth quarter and is trailing by one point. B1 has the ball and is moving along the end line to make the throw-in. A2 steps out of bounds and fouls B1. Is the foul personal or technical?

RULING: This is an intentional personal foul. The time remaining to be played or whether Team A had been previously warned for a delay-of-game situation is not a factor. If the team had not been warned, the foul constitutes the warning. (4-19-1; 9-2-10 Penalty 4)

10.4.10 SITUATION D:

A1 is out of bounds for a throw-in. B1 reaches through the boundary plane and knocks the ball out of A1's hands. Earlier in the game, Team B had received a team warning for delay.

RULING: Even though Team B had already been issued a warning for team delay, when B1 breaks the plane and subsequently contacts the ball in the thrower's hand, it is considered all the same act and the end result is penalized. A player technical foul is assessed to B1; two free throws and a division line throw-in for Team A will follow. The previous warning for team delay still applies with any subsequent team delay resulting in a team technical foul. (4-47; 9-2-10 Penalty 3; 10-1-5c)

Take a look at the clip [here](#).

These are plays we can get caught off guard on....just be aware and recognize it when you see it.

Have a great game tonight, be safe, be focused and be alive during a dead ball situations.

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