

Good morning!

Hope you had a great weekend....amazing that it is February already.....many areas finish up the regular season sometime next week.

Let's take a look at the clip from last Friday again after a couple questions were brought up.....the throw-in from the endline under the offense's own hoop.....formerly called the 'baseline'! [Here](#) is the clip again.

Question 1: Should C have had a 'tipped ball' signal? NO, a tipped ball signal is only to be used in the case of the defense tipping the ball into the back court.

Question 2: What if the trail official HAD blown the whistle for a back court violation? Could this be 'corrected'? This is NOT a correctable error, but it COULD be an inadvertent whistle. If the C (or L) KNOWS that the rule was kicked, there would be no problem getting together as a crew to discuss it and get the play correct.

This is NOT a judgment call like a travel. This is a RULE. If we do this, an appropriate procedure would be:

- 1) Send the players to their benches if all members of the crew are discussing the play
- 2) After a decision has been made, get both coaches together in front of the table to tell them the decision
- 3) Go back to your spots and blow the whistle and signal that white will still have the ball nearest the spot where white recovered it and T inadvertently blew it dead.

We certainly do not want to have more than one inadvertent whistle in a game (or season for that matter) but when it is appropriate, the coaches, partners and your supervisor will appreciate that you got the play right.

Nothing can be substituted for knowing the rules and getting plays right.....before they need corrected!

Monday Extra: Make sure to TALK to the official scorer (who must be wearing the striped short) to remind him/her to look at the reporting official on fouls AND talk to the timer. Get in this habit now as many playoff games will be at college facilities where the rules for the timer are different than for NFHS. PLEASE also remind the timer to NOT ADD A FOUL TO THE SCOREBAORS UNTIL THE OFFICIAL REPORTS IT!!!!

Have a great game today!

Tim