

Good morning!

Take a look at the play for today [here](#).

So on this jump ball, blue catches the ball, white makes slight contact and blue violates by stepping over the division line. The contact here *caused the violation*. When that happens, the contact is illegal and it is a foul. The foul occurred in blue's front court, so the throw-in spot is the nearest of the 4 designated spot throw-in spots as was done here after I processed it!

The main point of this play isn't that the contact caused the violation, hence a foul, but that we had a pregame conference that got me *focused on the game*. A pregame conference does that if nothing else. We talk about nearly the same things each pregame, in addition to any team tendencies that we are aware of. By having a GOOD pregame conference, I know that I am ready for the game and focused, with a better chance of not getting caught off guard on something, especially right off the tip. MAKE SURE to have a solid pregame conference!

Monday Extra: Same game as above....a captain comes to the captain's meeting with a circular band-aid on her nose. I asked her 'what did you do to your nose?' She says 'well, umm....' And I asked 'there isn't a nose stud under it is there?' to which she replied 'yes'. After a brief one-way discussion, she decided to take it out so she could play. The coach never said a word, he knew. The assistant coach told me that she just got the nose stud a couple days before the game. Not sure WHY she would do that in-season! Remember that jewelry, even covered by a band-aid or tape, is illegal.

Monday Bonus: Deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Michael Roebuck, who collapsed and passed away working a JV game Friday night in Westmoreland County.

Have a great game tonight!

Tim