

Good morning! COLD in NW PA and a 'fair' amount of snow for some.....hopefully your games go on as scheduled!

Jump shot contact.....sometimes it can be difficult. As in many other cases, we need to referee the defense.

If the defender leaves the floor, is he/she vertical? If so, there is a rare chance that the defender will cause the foul with his/her body. If the defender leaves the floor, is not vertical, but lands before the shooter does, we need to ask one big question.....did the defender give the shooter space to land? If the answer is 'YES' then we have no foul on the defender. If the answer is 'NO' then the defender has committed a blocking foul (and it is a shooting foul). If the defender leaves the floor, is not vertical and contacts the shooter before returning to the floor in front of the shooter, we have a foul on the defender.

SEEING these types of plays is the best was to understand them....take a look at today's clips by clicking [here](#) and think about a foul or not.

In the first clip, the defender leaves the floor and is not vertical, but comes back down and lands just short of where the jump shooter lands. He HAS given the shooter space to land. NO FOUL.....the jump shooter actually flops somewhat. In the second clip, the defender leaves the floor, is not vertical, and does NOT give the jump shooter space to land. He actually lands under the shooter. FOUL on the defender here.

See the WHOLE play and adjudicate accordingly.....remember we want to protect shooters but not penalize defenders when they don't do anything wrong. Referee the defense and ask "what did the defender do?"

Have a great game tonight, hopefully it isn't ppd.....stay warm and safe travels.

Tim

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Hi again!

Been a crazy morning in NW PA with the snow and wind.....



The clip from today.....the first play.....getting a lot of conversation on this one! That's great to have! Some comments back who consider it a foul want it called since the defender sticks his butt out when he turns around and boxes out. Other comments say "I THINK it's a foul" or "I do NOT THINK it's a foul." When you use the word 'THINK' in regards to a call or play, then there is NO violation or foul. We must KNOW it was a foul (or violation) and then able to explain it to a coach.

There have also been comments that the DID embellish contact. The whole question here is what you SAW from the angle you had.....did you see the whole play.....can you explain what the defender did wrong.....so, yes it is a foul! With the philosophy of protecting shooters up and down, no problem with that ruling. THANKS for all comments! Don't be afraid to blow the whistle on that play, but be ready to explain it whether the whistle was blown or not!

The second topic that has come up several times the past few days is an intentional foul on a shot.....how is it handled? We will NEVER award a shot for a made hoop AND shots for the intentional foul. The easiest way to remember it is that the intentional foul awards free throws for the intentional, period. There is no 'and-one PLUS intentional free throws.' If the shot goes in, the goal counts, award just the two free throws for the intentional.

Here is the case play describing the possibilities.....

### Currently Viewing: 4.19.3

 Rule  Link to Article

#### 4.19.3 SITUATION A:

B1 is charged with an intentional foul on A1 who is in the act of shooting: (a) a successful two-point or three-point try; (b) an unsuccessful two-point try; or (c) an unsuccessful three-point try.

**RULING:** In (a) and (b), A1 is awarded two free throws. In (c), A1 is awarded three free throws. In all situations following the free throws, Team A is awarded a throw-in at the out-of-bounds spot nearest the foul.

Keep the feedback coming!

Tim