Good morning!

Transition plays with a three-person crew. Transition plays should be a topic of discussion in a pregame conference regardless of a two or three-person crew. In a three-person crew, C needs to see the entire way across the court all the way up the floor (the C has a 'V' of vision across the floor). This normally happens with defensive pressure or a press but can happen with a quick transition or steal also. TALK about C in transition in your pregame conference!

Take a look at a C in transition after a steal play here. A zoomed in view of the intentional is here.

In this play, we had a steal followed by an intentional foul. The C here was able to see 'through' the play and SEE that blue grabbed white and immediately ruled an intentional foul. C SAW what happened and did not get caught off guard. Nice job by the C here!

When the foul is *not* a play on the ball, we need to consider an intentional foul.

Wednesday Extra: In a running clock game in the second half, when we have a shooting foul, there is a procedure for stopping the clock. The reporting official goes to the table, reports the foul, then *looks at the timer and needs to say* 'stop the clock' while holding out the 'stop sign', For example – 'white, twenty-three, push, two shots, *stop the clock please'*. We look at the official scorer for 'white, twenty-three, push, two shots' then look at the timer for 'stop the clock please'. The R should have a brief discussion before going to the locker room before halftime if the game appears to be a running clock game to make sure the timer knows to leave the clock run until we tell him/her to stop the clock.

Wednesday Bonus: When you have a gym with the scorer's table offset – not at midcourt, but usually closer to the home bench, consider a 'reminder' in the captain's meeting to the coach that is further away from the table. Something like 'the table is offset here, so your coaching box seems far away from it, but the box is clearly marked, so please just be aware of where you are.'

Have a great game tonight!

Tim