



Good morning! The groundhog sure brought winter back soon.....I am sure the Philly fans really don't care this morning tho.....

Today's tip.....a quick reminder about something to have in our heads.....take a look [here](#) first.

The scoreboard shows 0:00.2 remaining.....this means all we can have on the offensive end is a tap. If the player grabs the ball, the period ends with NO goal being permitted to be scored.

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When play is resumed with a throw-in or free throw and three-tenths (.3) of a second or less remains on the clock, a player may not gain control of the ball and try for a field goal. In this situation only a tap could score.

NOTE: This rule does not apply if the clock does not display tenths of a second.

In the clip, the throw-in is a weird one to begin with! The ball actually hits a 'net loop holder' on the ring and bounces the direction that it does. If the ball had hit the bottom of the backboard and bounced back towards the baseline, we know that it would have been a violation for hitting the back of the backboard and black gets the ball with 0.2 on the clock. In this case for the throw-in, it is legal and the player must tap the ball, not gain control by catching it. He DID grab the ball, shot and it went in. This should be waived off immediately by the official with last shot responsibilities.

It does not hurt to remind each other that on the floor in that situation. Even if the official had counted the basket, the other two officials NEED to get with the calling official immediately and correct the mistake. Always get last shot mistakes correct before leaving the floor.

Pay attention to the 'little' things and it will help your game! Have a great one tonight.....next to last week for most people.

Tim