

Good morning!

Take a look at a clip [here](#).

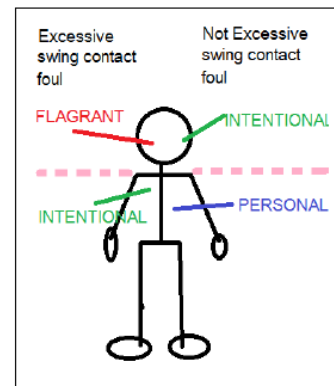
We had a turnover by white. T was there and started the other way but kept watching the play and got the foul. The C on the play was just about to come get it also. Both T and C had an elbow to the head. An intentional foul was ruled. T and C get together to talk about what happened and agreed that it was intentional since red 33 did not 'eye up' white 11 to make it flagrant. They also discussed what resumption of play would look like. The intentional foul was on red 33 and white 11 will shoot two free throws with nobody on the line, then white gets the ball at the spot nearest the foul. As white 11 walks to the free throw line, the C realized there was blood. C went to the coach after the foul was reported and gave him two options since the free throw shooter was bleeding – 1) take a TO and if white 11 is ready to come back in with no blood by the end of the TO, she can stay in the game, and 2) bring a substitute in who will shoot the free throws for white 11. In this case, he brought a substitute in.

After seeing the video, it appears more violent than it did live. It appears that it definitely could/SHOULD have been a flagrant foul. Craig Bradley has shared this chart in the past about elbow contact and now is a good time to recall it. THIS foul should have been a flagrant foul on red 33.

### ***Swinging the Elbows***

Many players, when pressured, resort to swinging the elbows to clear out space. Are you ready to make the correct call? Was the movement excessive? Was there contact? Where? This chart should help you figure out what to call.

| Excessive Swinging (Faster than the torso) | Contact w/ Opponent | Above or below the head | Outcome                   |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| No   | No                  |                         | Legal                     |
| No   | Yes                 | Below                   | Personal Foul             |
| No   | Yes                 | Above                   | Intentional Personal Foul |
| Yes  | No                  |                         | Violation                 |
| Yes  | Yes                 | Below                   | Intentional Personal Foul |
| Yes  | Yes                 | Above                   | Flagrant Personal Foul    |



Review this and in your pregame conference, a quick reminder to your partners about elbow contact (foul of some sort) or elbow swinging (violation) should be discussed. These plays can catch an official off guard, a reminder each night makes the correct ruling easier.

Thursday extra: The R would be wise to go to the table about the 12:00 mark to make sure the books are done, close to being done or 'in progress'. Especially at the lower levels, younger people are keeping the books and do not realize what is supposed to be happening. Our guidance can help a lot!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim