

Good morning!

Rim play....not something seen in most games but when we DO see it we need to get it right.....so a couple plays for thought.....

Play 1 is [here](#).

What do you have? Did the player grasp the ring? Did he do it to gain an advantage? Yes and sure looks that way! Looks like he grasped the ring to try to help himself gain control of the rebound and score. THIS is rule 10.4.3 (grasping) or 10.4.4 (placing a hand on the ring to gain an advantage). In either case, we have a technical foul for THIS play.

ART. 3

A player shall not:

Grasp either basket at any time during the game except to prevent injury; dunk or stuff, or attempt to dunk or stuff a dead ball.

ART. 4

A player shall not:

Illegally contact the backboard/ring by:

- a. Placing a hand on the backboard or ring to gain an advantage.
- b. Intentionally slapping or striking the backboard or causing the ring to vibrate while a try or tap is in flight or is touching the backboard or is in the basket or in the cylinder above the basket.

Play 2 is [here](#).

What do we have in this play? Did he grasp the ring? Sure did.....but here is article 4 in the definition of basket interference:

ART. 4

Pulls down a movable ring so that it contacts the ball before the ring returns to its original position.

Sure appears that the ball bounced on the ring (at least touched it) when the ring was pulled down. In THIS play also, we could certainly make a case for grasping the ring to prevent injury as there was definitely another player in the vicinity of where he would land. Basket interference sure looks like the appropriate call. (Think about this also...if we deemed a technical foul, then white does not get the hoop, is assessed a technical foul (2 shots for blue) and blue gets the ball for a throw-in. UGH!) Good job getting the BI here by the trail.

We also need to be POSITIVE when we have basket interference OR goaltending.....cannot guess on these. In addition, when a player grasps the ring, it is legal if the player is doing it to avoid injury...so if his momentum would have caused a bad landing or if there were *any* players in the vicinity, it most likely should be deemed legal to avoid injury.

Wednesday Extra: Make sure go to the table before the game a minute or so BEFORE the 10:00 mark just in case they don't have them done and you can get the ball rolling.....and check both books to make sure they match.....especially with playoffs coming.....

Extra Extra: Try to get to at least one day of the state finals in Hershey.....it is a GREAT time to be an official and be there to support each other and enjoy each other's company! The Giant Center box office phone number is (717)534-3911. Hope to see you there!

Have a great game today!

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