

Good morning!

Intentional fouls.....we usually 'know it when we see it', right? There are a couple guidelines to intentional foul calls also....we need TWO of the THREE components including 1) wind-up, 2) contact and 3) follow through. If two of these occur, we have an intentional foul. Likewise, intentional fouls SHOULD be discussed in all pre-game conferences.....something to the effect of 'If I have a call and you see what happened and the first thing that goes through your mind is 'that is intentional' then please come to me and tell me what you saw and we can always upgrade it to intentional.'

If this upgrade DOES happen in a game, it needs to be signaled by the calling official (not the official offering the information). After talking, it would be appropriate for the original calling official to blow the whistle again and signal an intentional foul.

Remember that an intentional foul results in 2 free throws to the offended player (not anyone as a technical would allow). Also remember that if the foul that is called intentional is on a shot that counts, we STILL give two free throws. If the shot does NOT go in we give two free throws – unless it was a three-point attempt for which we would award 3 (three) free throws. ANY intentional foul free throws are attempted with nobody at on the lane lines (make sure that one official is monitoring all the non-shooters), then the ball is inbounded nearest the spot to where the foul happened. So a few scenarios include:

Case 1: A1 is fouled intentionally on a non-shot by B1. A1 is awarded two free throws with the lane lines cleared then A has a spot throw-in nearest the spot of the foul.

Case 2: Shooter A1 is intentionally fouled on a breakaway layup. The ball does NOT go in. A1 is awarded two free throws with the lane lines cleared then A has a spot throw-in nearest the spot of the foul.

Case 3: Shooter A1 is intentionally fouled on a breakaway layup. The ball DOES go in. The goal by A1 is counted AND A1 is awarded two free throws with the lane lines cleared then A has a spot throw-in nearest the spot of the foul.

Case 4: Shooter A1 is intentionally fouled on a three-point attempt. The ball does NOT go in. A1 is awarded *three* free throws with the lane lines cleared then A has a spot throw-in nearest the spot of the foul.

Case 5: Shooter A1 is intentionally fouled on a three-point attempt. The ball DOES go in. The three-point goal by A1 is counted AND A1 is awarded two free throws with the lane lines cleared then A has a spot throw-in nearest the spot of the foul.

Take a look at an intentional foul called [here](#). This is an example of case 1. This was definitely an intentional foul and appropriately officiated. White 44 would shoot two free throws with the lane lines cleared then white would get a spot throw-in on the sideline close to the old 28-foot line in this case. More case plays are at 4.19 of the case book!

Thursday Extra: Make sure to check BOTH books at the table prior to the game.....they should match! Take the time to avoid an issue later by checking both books (and if there is an 'official' book plus each team book as in a playoff game, check all THREE books to make sure they match!)

Have a great game tonight!

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