

Good morning everyone. Amazing that this is the last play date of the regular season. Hope you had a GREAT season, learned more about officiating and improved your game! GOOD LUCK to everyone continuing to work in your district and PIAA playoffs. Hopefully see many of you in Hershey for the finals!

Today's tip.....take a look [here](#). The call was a player control foul on white 44. For the sake of this discussion, let's not look at anything red 13 did (it sure could have been a foul). White 44 was the ball handler and hooked (wrapped his off-hand around his defender) to hold him so that he could spin to the hoop and have a wide open look. FOUL and correctly called by the lead official. In reality, the lead could easily make a point that the hooking (holding) foul came before red 13 fouled him with the swat at the ball. PC, red ball on the endline.

Remember that when we go to the table to report this (and the preliminary at the spot of the foul) we do NOT have a 'hooking' mechanic. What we have here is a PC foul. It is ok to say "Hold by hooking" to clarify, but the signal is a PC.

Remember that the defender may not make illegal contact on the ball handler, even in the post and we should NOT allow the offense to gain an advantage by allowing him/her to use contact to create an advantage his/her way either. Get these fouls and it helps clean up hand son by the defense as well. If we did NOT call the 'hook' then that defender may start using his/her hands to try to NOT be put at a disadvantage and now we have made our game more difficult.

Get those fouls on the offense to help clean up your game!

Again, good luck to all of our playoff officials...enjoy this time of year and when not working, go to a game and support our brother and sister officials!

Have a GREAT game today and safe travels.

Tim