

Good morning! Can you believe we are finishing the last week of games before all the Christmas and Holiday tournaments?

How do we handle a 'scrum' and dead ball contact? Take a look at the clip [here](#).

This crew did a TON VERY well. Regardless of the no-call on the shot (just food for thought – when the ball goes UP when there is a swat from a defender like this, usually the arms were contacted and when the ball goes DOWN, usually the ball was contacted) and what happened on the sideline, the officials did an excellent job.

The C had a foul and immediately ran to the spot to prevent more from happening. The L also moved with a sense of urgency to help prevent something from escalating. The officials had a conference with the players sent to their benches, then got both coaches together to explain what happened and the results. SLOW DOWN when something like this occurs. TALK to each other with the players at their respective benches and talk with the coaches to explain if need be.

Even when we try to de-escalate a situation, there are times nothing will help.....but doing everything we can is what we need to do!

Loose ball situations are the most common type of situation we need to move with a sense of urgency to be preventative. Recognize these and move!

Friday extra: When a team has no timeouts remaining, we are to tell the coach (assistant is fine) that they have ZERO timeouts remaining. Use the word ZERO to tell them, not the word 'none.' None can be heard by a coach as 'one.' Use ZERO and it cannot be misinterpreted!

Have a great game tonight and have a great holiday season!

Tim