

Good morning!

What have you done when you have a double whistle and your partner takes the call without a) knowing you had a whistle, or b) looking to you to see what you have? What if you Do look at each other, you defer, but then have something different than your partner when he/she reports the foul? What should you do?

Take a look at an example of this [here](#).

In this play, the L and C have a double whistle, they both have the same foul, they look at each other and the C takes the foul to the table. All good! The only issue is that the C has a shooting foul and the L has the ball handler passing the ball instead of shooting. The T sees/hears what is happening since the L pointed to a spot and the C said loudly 'going up'.

Should we talk as a crew? ABSOLUTELY! This happened to be early in the fourth quarter of what ended up being a 2-point game. The crew quickly agreed that it was a pass on the foul, not a shooting foul. Correctly, the reporting official sounded the whistle and gave the 'Out of bounds!' call so that both teams knew what was agreed to.

What should the crew have done better? Even though the discussion was brief, the teams should have been separated just to make sure nothing happened between them. We either need eyes on all players at all times OR send them to their benches.

When you have anything 'weird', it is *good* to talk to your partner(s) to make sure we have all the information. Same as at the end of a close game – it is fine to talk to your partner(s) to make sure we all know what is happening with timeouts, the clock, team foul situations, etc.

Friday Extra: Some discussion among friends was had about the 'obstructing an opponent's eyes' clip from yesterday. Questions were asked if a warning can be given. Are we to give a warning for the other parts of the unsporting technical foul rule 10-4-6? Can we selectively enforce a rule or give a warning because we think it is too harsh? Hmm....Guaranteed that the PIAA official will support us if we call a T since it is clearly written in the rules book.

Friday Bonus: Has anyone mentioned to make sure you are keeping your assigner up-to-date with your closed/blocked dates? Reschedule dates are at a premium this late in the season and when an athletic director asks if officials are available and you may be the only one to fill out a crew, the assigner assumes you are open if that is what you show.....please make sure to update your officiating schedule so that your assigner knows!

Have a great game tonight!

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