

Good morning! TODAY. IS. IT.

Tipoff weekend! Unless something crazy happens we are a go! Thank goodness!

So food for thought.....with the POE of screening, some of the most egregious screening plays happen on baseline throw-ins. Think about many of our baseline throw-in plays.....3/4 of the ones we see have a 'box' set (players at each low block and each elbow). What happens on these plays? SCREENS!!!! Most of the time when the players at the low block goes screen defenders at the elbow. Many of them are illegal blind screens. That being said, we need to be AWARE that on baseline throw-in plays, screening may happen.....just as on a post move in an offense being run that a potential blocked shot may be coming.

How do we get better at these plays? WATCH plays! When we watch plays, it helps get these types of plays in our minds and hopefully do not catch us off guard. [Here](#) is a YouTube video to a big set of NBA baseline throw-in plays. There are many plays with illegal screens – many were blind screens where the screened player must be given at least one step backwards to avoid the screen. Remember that NBA officiates differently than we do and that screening is a Point of Emphasis for us this year.

I would also appreciate any screening clips from your games that you could forward and allow me to use! They can be baseline throw-in plays or screens at any point in the game! Your help is appreciated!

I hope your game(s) tonight and tomorrow go really well!

Friday Extra: Make sure to thank your partners, the coaches, the players and game management for PLAYING games and allowing them to be close to 'normal'!

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