

Good morning! Three more days!

WOW do I love this clip today! Take a look [here](#).

There are a few points to be made in this clip.

First, the call is a great one! When the freedom of movement rules went into effect in the NFHS in 2014, THIS play by the offense creating space was a big question.....would this be called? Was this a call you would make? *Was it a foul from the perspective of the calling official at C?* The answer to the latter is most definitely. The C stayed with the play, have the dribbler and primary defender and was able to see between the players as much as was possible. The C had an angle that allowed him to see the 'armbar' used by the offensive player to create space. It definitely was not a two-handed push to create space, but it definitely DID create space. We need to keep in mind situational plays like this in which not much of a push on the defender is needed when he is moving backwards to create enough space to stop and shoot. Anybody remember the Michael Jordan/Bryon Russell play in game 6 that won the title for the Bulls? THAT has been a VERY scrutinized play since the day it happened! Personally, I love the call the C made here!

Second, the positioning by the officials is flawless. The C had the ball handler and defender. He stayed with the drive even though the L rotated. Great job staying with the play and not backing out to T. As many of us have been taught 'It's ok to have 2 C's'. The L also appropriately rotated. He was in a closed down position and had paused there, then rotated. The discussion about rotating during a drive is something that MUST be discussed in your pregame conference. If the crew decides to finish the rotation in the manner the L did here, great. If the crew decides that the L should go back and not finish the drive, great. TALK ABOUT IT before it happens!

Third, the mechanics by the C were perfect! This is not an easy one to get right (something I am still working on!). He was deliberate and clear in what he had! Great job by the C!

Remember, we call what we SEE from the ANGLE we see it. Again, we MUST be able to explain to both coaches what we saw and why we did what we did.

Have a great day today and be ready for Friday!

Tim