

Good morning! Hope you are ready to start a full slate of games for this first heavy play date!

Today's tip is one of those plays that happens and is definitely talked about at halftime or after the game.....a weird situation around the division line that LOOKS weird and violations come to mind.

Take a look at the clip [here](#) first and determine what you see....and have. Well? Anything? 10-seconds? Back court violation?

Let's break this down. Notice the clock when the ball is inbounded. There is definitely pressure and we are approaching a 10-second violation.....*approaching* it. The offensive player passes the ball at 9 seconds in the backcourt and is touched by the defense and deflected to the backcourt still during that 9th second. When we have a situation like this, just as with ANY time we blow the whistle, we need to be POSITIVE of what we have. If you are 'close' to 10 seconds, don't blow the whistle....make sure you have GOTTEN to 10-seconds. Technically, the 10-second count ends here when it is touched by red in the front court and the ball now has front court status. It was deflected by red into the backcourt so white may legally go back and recover the ball..... And a new 10-second count begins. There is NO backcourt violation either since red was last to touch the ball before it went to the backcourt.

Hopefully plays like this get tucked away upstairs and when they occur in your/my game, the grey matter pulls it out quick enough to make a correct ruling on the play!

Hope you have a great game tonight.....remember to tell your partners your season goal and what you are working on tonight.

Tim