

Good morning! I hope tipoff weekend went well for you and you recovered yesterday!

There were some interesting plays I heard about...several dealing with loose ball contact. [Here](#) is a clip of a loose ball on which a foul was called. Hopefully you agree that there is a foul on black here. In many plays we can ask 'what did she do wrong?' In this case, she went *through* the opponent in an attempt to recover the ball. We often hear 'she was just going for the ball!' this may be true but she has to do it legally....without creating an advantage through contact.

Imagine the players were upright and red was going for the loose ball and black knocked her off her line, we have a definite foul, correct? The same goes when they are on the floor.....an opponent may not knock someone off the line they are taking...this creates a disadvantage for the player whose line was knocked off.

Loose ball plays are similar to dead ball efficiency....we must be extra aware of what happens and SEE the whole play. If a player gains an advantage via contact, we have a foul.....see the whole play.

Hope you have a great game tonight.

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