

Good morning!

Travels.....toughest call we have with the quickness of ALL levels of players these days. Starting AND ending a dribble are tougher.....and what the player does after the dribble ends going to the hoop is even more difficult. These are different than a 'catch hop shoot' play and determining if two feet were on the floor when the catch was made.

On plays where the ball handler ends the dribble (gathers the ball) then continues to the hoop for a shot attempt, we MUST know when the dribble ends.....was a foot on the floor when it ended? Was the player in the air when it ended? Which foot is the pivot foot? TOUGH answers we must decide on in a split second. One thing we CANNOT DO is GUESS. We can't assume it was a travel because the ball handler covered a great distance OR because it looks weird. We also cannot call a dribble if the ball is not in view. This is a 100% guess when that happens. The answer on this to a coach is easy – 'coach, I could not see the ball to know when the dribble ended.' When we DO have the ball in our sights, we MUST know which foot is the pivot foot and KNOW when that pivot foot hits the floor after being lifted to put air in the whistle for a violation.

Take a look at this travel call [here](#).

This call can ONLY be called from lead. L is looking back at the ball handler the entire way up the floor and determines it was a travel. He waves off the shot immediately so that there can be no argument that it should have counted, THEN signals the travel. T cannot see the ball at all. Even if this were not a transition play, T cannot guess at when the dribble ended. Lead sees the ball handler, the dribble end and that the pivot foot comes back to the floor. Great call here.

Thursday extra: While we are on the topic of the table we MUST talk to the timer about WHEN to put team fouls on the board. The timer should NOT put the foul up UNTIL we report the foul at the table. When we are walking to the table, many times we glance at the scoreboard to see the foul number and if it says 6, we can wonder if it has already been changed from 5 to 6 or if the timer waited. We can clear this up and not result in a correctable error situation if the timer waits until we report the foul at the table to add it to the team total.

Have a great game tonight!

Tim