

Good morning!

Hopefully you got to look our last shot sequence from yesterday and maybe even discuss it with fellow officials. [Here](#) it is again.

Let's break it down more.

The first part of the sequence is the screen by blue 15 in front of C. Whether or not this is a foul has been a 33/33/33 with all of the people I have talked to. A third have nothing, a third have an illegal screen because it is too wide and a third have a *defensive* foul for taking the leg out of the screener! It is many times tough to look at a single screen and determine its legality. How was screening called the first 31:30 of the game? (Remember the illegal screen called at the end of the women's NCAA final a couple years ago?)

How could positioning have helped? This is TOUGH for C to get because C is focused on the ball handler and her defender. In your pregame conference, you need to discuss how you are going to handle screens.

In my pregame conference (we have them EVERY game), we talk first about handoff screens. Handoff screens are the *easy* screens for the official whose primary the screen happens in because if the ball handler hands the ball off and contacts a *moving defender* it is an easy illegal screen foul call. All other ball screens are TOUGH for the official whose primary it happens. We talk about C and T helping each other on screens if possible. Even sometimes L and T if the screen is around the elbow.

In this clip, the T should definitely be down at least to the 28-foot line, he is almost standing on the division line. We also need to recognize that the star for blue has the ball and a screen is probably imminent, especially when she starts to set on then leaves and comes back. T needs to help here and step out onto the court towards the midline to get a good look at it. No matter whether he deems it legal or illegal, we just need good positioning and eyes on it to make sure we have it covered.

There are SO MANY screens in games these days that we owe it to our game to talk about how we are going to officiate them!

Thursday extra: During the captain's meeting, ask the captains and coaches to let an official know *immediately* if there is water on the floor (that has been tracked in by spectators mostly) so we can stop play and address it immediately – and we need to do that. We do not want an injury due to water on the floor when it is preventable.

Have a great game tonight!