

Good morning!

Sometimes we can get caught off guard.....reading the case book and watching plays helps to avoid that! Take a look at the clip [here](#) where getting caught could happen.

Here is the definition of the kick violation:

## **SECTION 29 KICKING THE BALL**

**Kicking the ball is intentionally striking it with any part of the leg or foot.**

'Striking' the ball does not mean it has to be kicked like we did in phys ed in school! This was a kick because he intentionally used his foot/leg to contact the ball. This play was not the 'standard' kick play we see be a defender. The ball handler lost the ball as he lost his balance and fell to the floor and recovered the ball with his feet. This was a play we could have been caught off guard with, but fortunately did not.

Hopefully you and yours have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday season, and be ready for the New Year!

Have a great game tonight!

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