

Good morning!

Here is another great example from one of our youngest officials! Take a look [here](#).

We always preach to 1) take a step *down* (towards the baseline) on shots and 2) move to get in position to see *between* the ball handler and defender or to see *the feet* behind the 3-point arc.

What the T does here is a perfect example of both stepping down AND getting confirmation that it was a 3-point shot. THEN she STAYS there and does not bail out to go the other way even though she is now at free throw line extended! GREAT patience!

Now may be a great time to give props to the PIAA and the Junior Official Program. In my opinion, this program has been the BEST decision the PIAA has done help officiating! Both females from this clip were junior officials to get their start! The L (she was the TOTD last Friday for her screen called from L passed her test on December 27, 2022 and the T (she is today's great example in the TOTD) on January 1, 2023...5 days apart! Both played basketball for their high school teams and also found time to work elementary games after practices and on Saturdays! These two are just a couple examples of the amazing success of the PIAA Junior Official Program! The future is bright and when those of us close to being done actually leave, we have great young officials raising the bar! THANKS to all of our junior officials and their mentors for what you are doing!

Tuesday extra: As an assignor, I have 11, (ELEVEN!) officials already working varsity games who were junior officials! Even with them, I have a hard time covering all the games that need covered. Why do I say this? *Young officials are not going to take our games! Make it a point to recruit 'JUST ONE' new, young (jr) official before the season ends!*