

Good morning!

Ever had free throws where the wrong free throw shooter went to the line? Ever have a wrong free throw shooter that seemed 'suspicious' like it was intentional? Take a look at a clip [here](#) (thanks Megan Post for the clip).

So... after white 5 was fouled and the table/crew knew white was in the bonus, they started walking to the far end to shoot free throws. As they were walking down, a coach was yelling 'make your free throws Brooke!'. Brooke is number 2, who took and made the two free throws, not number 5 who *should* have shot the free throws.

FIRST, this is a crew responsibility to **know** who the free throw shooter is. How do we do that? **Verbalize out loud** who was fouled or who the shooter is by saying '5 is our shooter'.

SECOND, if you 'suspect' deceit by a team sending the wrong free throw shooter to the line, simply put the correct free throw shooter on the line and make it very apparent to the coach that you know what just happened by saying something like 'coach, we know number 5 is our shooter and it seems like you wanted your best player going to the line by what you (your assistant or whoever it was) said. That is not appreciated and will **not** be tolerated again.' This should stop it for this game and you should talk about this at your next chapter meeting to make our fellow officials aware of what happened and may happen again.

THIRD, it cannot be emphasized enough that *when the ball is dead, we must be alive*. Pay attention to the details such as who was fouled. We ALL lose shooters and who was fouled...maybe that is something to work on the next few games you have – verbalizing it by even just saying to yourself out loud 'white 5 was fouled'.

Wednesday extra: That striped shirt **MUST** be worn by the official scorer at ALL levels! Talk to the game manager if the official scorer claims there is none. If it is still not happening, play the game and let your assignor know who will then contact the AD.

Hope you have a great game tonight!

Tim