

Good morning!

Take a look at contact on a rebound [here](#).

So is this a foul or incidental contact? The dozen or so people I have shown it to are split. Some say the contact is incidental since both girls touched the ball at the same time. The others see white touching the ball slightly before blue. This makes all the difference. Just because blue is bigger does not mean it is a foul since white went flying.

Shaq was 'punished' at times because he was so big (and strong) and the contact was incidental.

If we determine *in real time* that the two players arrived at the ball at the same time, we have incidental contact. Even in slo-mo, the touching of the ball is very hard to tell if one of them touched first. Neither player tried to use her body to create an advantage to recover the rebound. This has one girl receiving the brunt of the contact but that is to be expected in players of different size and strength.

We don't have the luxury of slo-mo in games, but good basketball officials DO let their 'mind's eye slow it down'! This is a great discussion clip! Enjoy!

Tuesday extra: Just a reminder that being a Tuesday late in basketball season and a heavy play date, don't forget it is Valentine's Day also! Tell those in your family you appreciate the opportunity to do what we love even on 'special' days!

Have a great game tonight!

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