

Good morning!

First of all, after an email conversation with Pat Gebhart, we have further clarification regarding paperwork for 2 technical fouls. ANY 2 technical fouls assessed to the same player in a game requires paperwork to be filed with the PIAA. Please add this to your notes regarding technical and filing a report to the PIAA. Thanks!

So today's topic involves a back court violation. Take a look at the clip [HERE](#).

So to break down this play, blue is definitely in the front court with the ball. Blue 24 passes the ball to blue 4. White 2 does deflect the ball (NO change in possession) and it is still team control by blue. The ball hits blue 4 in the face and bounces across the division line where blue 4 is the first to touch it. This is a violation since team control was still with blue, blue was the *last* to touch it in the front court and the *first* touch it in the back court.

Most coaches will respond with something like 'but it was deflected by white!' but they do not understand the rule. Get it right, even if the whistle is late!

Since the ball will be now given to a white in the throw-in, the spot for the throw-in will be the 28-foot line in white's front court! The violation occurred in blue BACK court which is white's FRONT court!

Thursday extra: "It is better to be late and right, than early and wrong." "Anticipate the *play*, not the *whistle*." These are a couple quotes I was told early in my career, and they still hold true today! Put them in your book of tolls and in your pregame conference!

Have a great game tonight!

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