

Good morning! Thanks to all military families and veterans receiving this today, the 82nd anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Post entry passes.....another quick topic to cover in a pregame conference. All we need to say is something like 'let's not get caught off guard on an entry pass by allowing the defender behind the offensive player to go through the offensive player to hit the ball.' Take a look at the two plays below.

[Play 1](#)

[Play 2](#)

These plays were 2 consecutive possessions. Play 1 was a 'caught off guard' one but play 2 was recognized. ALL of us have had that 'Oh crap, I just missed that foul' play. We CAN blow the whistle late if we recognize it soon enough! The second one was adjudicated appropriately. In this particular play, the ball had just gone to the corner and L was rotating appropriately – the ball was in the corner and the post player was on the opposite block. The L was moving and walked right to the entry pass/foul. Good get on the second one!

Today's plays are two-fold.....1) MAKE SURE to have a good pregame conference, no matter how many times you have worked with your partners – it gets everyone in the right frame of mind, and 2) do not allow a post defender to push through an offensive player to hit the ball – it is an automatic foul!

Wednesday Extra: Consider the R going directly to the table as soon as the crew gets on the floor to remind them that the official book must be completed with rosters and starters BEFORE the 10-minute mark. Tell them that and that you will be back over at 11-minutes to check them. It seems that many officials are going to the table at the 10-minute mark and neither book is completed and some not even started. Going over right away may prevent a bad situation at the 10-minute mark when a technical foul may be needed.

Wednesday Double Extra: Sportsmanship – or lack thereof – reared it's ugly head again last night. A parent confronted an official after a game, had to be removed by security, then accused the official of an inappropriate gesture. Fortunately security and the crew all saw exactly what happened. Please be aware of your surroundings and get away from unruly spectators as soon as possible.

Remember, we are the gatekeepers of sportsmanship!

Have a great game today!

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