

Good morning!

The entry passes to the post created plenty of discussion. In a two-person game it is the responsibility of the official whose PCA the play is in. It all depends on where T and L are....but TALK about post entry passes in the pre-game conference. Let's look at each play again and positioning/how to help our partner.

#### [Ball knocked down and lost balance](#)

On this play, there is good positioning by L and a rotation isn't necessary before the entry pass. This is a pass that C should help on. T has the ball handler just across the midline from the top of the key and it appears that C is looking at the entry pass. It is nearly impossible for the defender to deflect a pass from behind on an entry pass. Remind each other about these types of plays in the pre-game, especially when there are strong post players or post play anticipated.

#### [Dislodged but did not lose ball](#)

In this play, before you hit 'play' you can see that L has closed down and is preparing for a rotation. The rotation may have been just a tad late. This particular team runs the offense from the corner frequently with that exact entry pass. If L had rotated when the ball is at the wing, he most likely would have had a great look at the dislodged offensive player on the entry pass. My personal opinion is to rotate more than less. If you need to rotate back, do it. Also, if you know the tendencies of a team, use that in your discussion about rotating.

#### [Push and ball lost](#)

In this play, the ball had gone to the corner and L was 'peeking' at the play instead of rotating. If L had rotated, the foul is most likely seen.

Regardless of positioning, in each of these plays, C needs to really work AND 'move to improve' his/her angle to SEE the reception of an entry pass.

Wednesday extra: PIAA Championship tickets on March 23, 24 and 25 are available! If you have not attended, you should! It is a GREAT weekend! Here is where you can get info: <http://www.piaa.org/sports/basketball/default.aspx> If you can get there and see a great event, see lots of fellow officials and make some new friends!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim