

Good morning!

Yesterday's clip with the illegal screen and how to help officiate it..... Screening and 'help' officiating is MUCH tougher in a two-person game than a three-person game. In either case, we do not want to ball watch and LOOK for screens, but HELP of screens is great!

I got a couple really good replies about it! Let me share one today (thanks Jeff!).....



Notice the calling official at T? He has turned his back on the 10 players, something we never want to do. He could still signal the illegal screen without turning his back. This may seem like a petty issue, but these are the 'little' things that let the best officials rise to the top. These are details taken into account on the PIAA officials' evaluation form for playoffs as well. An evaluator I know tell this official that he should share his check with the other two officials since they are watching players he should be seeing. Just something to think about and work on!

We NEVER want to turn our backs on players.....this happens regularly if we are chasing the ball after a whistle.....let the players go get the ball for you.....they will!

Thursday Extra: I am tired of babysitting the table for pregame in regards to getting the books done. They KNOW they need done BEFORE the 10:00 mark.....our game last night started differently since the home book was not even at the table till the 8:00 mark and the coach said 'I thought I had 4:00 to get it done'. Make sure to know the penalties and how to assess...administrative technical foul summaries are at rule 10.1 page 62 of the Rules Book. There are two types.....all that is to happen BEFORE the 10:00 mark and also everything that happens book-wise AFTER the 10:00 mark. Read that rule and case plays.....

Have a great game tonight!

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