

Good morning!

Let's get a few clips that generate some discussion!

The first one is a transition pass and as soon as the offensive player catches it, turns, takes a dribble and crashes into a defender.....take a look [here](#).

It is better to see the slo-mo part just because we can see the pass coming, dribble and crash. Do we need to give time and distance on this play before contact? NO (Rule 4.23.4). IF the offensive player is in the air, the defender must have gained LGP (legal guarding position) before the offensive player left the floor.

In this play, it appears that the defender accomplished his responsibilities. 'What did the defender do wrong?' If we cannot definitively determine what the defender did wrong, we cannot have a foul on that defender. This is either an offensive foul or a no-call (ugh). This is a train wreck and needs a call. Some officials would call this a travel to avoid a foul (not a good decision if it is not truly a travel).

Take your time after you blow the whistle, process what the defender did wrong, if anything, then signal a block or player control.

Tuesday Extra: GREAT article to promote our avocation.....congrats Todd and Tara!!!! <https://www.post-gazette.com/sports/high-school-basketball/2023/01/11/wpial-high-school-basketball-todd-tara-gallupe-officials-referees-father-daughter-duo-history/stories/202301110039>

Have a great game tonight!

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