

Good morning!

While we are on the topic of 'help' officiating, we have a play that often needs 'help' to get it them.....screens. Many times, the official with the ball handler and defender in his/her primary also has a screen set that is extremely difficult to determine if the screener was legal. Again, as in the crash play at mid court yesterday, we should not be WATCHING a play outside our primary, but IF we 'don't have much going on in our PCA' we can take a peak and help on something else.

The play today is an off-ball screen near the elbow. It happens in C's primary and shows two angles, one from each side of the court. Take a look [here](#).

So from the first angle, it appears that C should have called the push thru by black 1 on the screen by 4 white. Then, in looking at the second angle.....basically the angle C had, there were 3 players between him and the screen with at least one moving right in front of the contact. C really had no look at this play, and even moving a significant distance would not have helped. COULD the screen have been seen by a partner? Trail is out since he had the ball handler and defender.....Lead? Lead had two players in his primary and white 's defender moving near the midline in the paint. He MAY have been able to see the screen since his matchup wasn't doing much...but white 4 and his defender also came from outside his primary and the screen/collision happened right away. This is a TOUGH one to get from C due to the bodies between C and the contact and it happened so quick that L may have not looked there quick enough.

SOMETIMES this happens, even in a three-person game. We cannot make something up to the coach by saying 'he didn't push thru the screener' or 'there wasn't enough contact'. In a play like this, L could have said honestly 'I did not see what happened on the contact at the elbow, coach' and C could have said honestly 'I had 3 players between me and the contact and wasn't going to guess.' Honestly goes a long way when looking at film. We can't tell a coach 5 times a game 'I didn't see the play', but once should be respected by the coach. Point – just be honest. Point 2 – when we don't have much going on in our primary, SOMETIMES we can extend it, but this should be a pregame discussion topic!

Friday Extra: CONTACT YOUR PARTNERS about the game site and time....and possibly riding together. This is part of the 'Accountability' piece...and to an assignor is extremely important.

Friday Bonus Extra: When you have a technical foul or some other odd situation (like a scorekeeper helping you officiate), **contact your assignor RIGHT AFTER YOUR GAME** to let them know the details about the T or the details about the odd situation. Many times the assignor knows about it from a call from someone else before the official calls.

Have a great game tonight and a relaxing weekend!

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