

Good morning!

More great work from C today! This one involves a transition play after a made goal. C should have no urgency to 'bail out' and head up court too soon, especially if there is a press or pressure. In a three-person game, C should be approximately where the next pass may go and help with pressure in the back court. C has that 'cone' or 'V' the whole way across the floor in transition. C could have potential back court violation plays or fouls in the 'cone'.

Take a look at this C transition play [here](#).

Just to remember the rules about this play.....when the offensive player receives the ball, there is no time or distance requirement that a defender must give the ball handler. The defender must obtain legal guarding position prior to the offensive player leaving the floor. Remember we are making a split decision in real time speed. We don't have the luxury to look at it several times or in slow motion to make a decision. This is a great get by the C! He was patient in starting up court and was looking at what he should have been. He was slow and clear on his PC mechanic also. Nobody could have mistaken what call he had. He should have pointed to the throw-in spot before moving towards the table to report. In this case, it would be a back court throw-in for white at the OOB spot nearest to where the foul occurred. The official going to lead (now new T) would administer the throw-in (T administers all throw-ins in the back court) and the C who called the foul would report and go to new lead opposite the table.

In a three-person game with a foul going the other way, the calling official goes to new LEAD in 5 of the 6 possible positions he/she could be in. The ONLY time the calling official does not go to new lead is when he/she calls the foul from lead opposite the table. The official will report the foul and stay at C table side. These are all diagramed in the 2023-24 Officials manual on pages 160-165. If you do not have this manual, it is an excellent resource and is a bigger size than the rules and case books!

In a two-person game, the play in this clip is in between the T and L. In my opinion, new L has a much better look at it and calling it. Two-person coverage can be very challenging in transition play.

Remember to discuss transition play in your pregame conference!

Monday extra: I was working with a Jr official last week (it is his second year and he is doing FANTASTIC!) and the 8th grade game was physical and we kept blowing the whistle. We had a foul with a couple minutes left in the game, then the player who fouled gave the opponent a two-handed push after the whistle.....these T's are easy! Anyhow, after the game while standing near mid court waiting for the players to go through their lines and so we can get the seventh grade game going, my partner says 'number 11 told me I suck'. I looked at him and said 'you could have tossed her for that'. He asked me 'so where is the line between a T and ejection?' I told him that he HAS to assess a T, then we would get together and talk and if we need to upgrade to an ejection we would. This was an EIGHTH GRADE girl who said that to him. The TOUGHEST call BY FAR as a young official is a technical foul. Support our young officials and do whatever you can to help them and protect them!

Monday Bonus: TWO necessary points.....1) HAVE A PREGAME....ALWAYS and 2) ASK FOR FILM....coaches are VERY willing to share film....GET IT, LOOK AT IT and ask your mentor for opinions! There are 5 of us that are in a group chat and the clips start flying through the chat before I am even home from a game! In fact, all 5 of us are a 'coach' on a bunch of hudl accounts for various teams.....ASK! All they can do is say 'no'!!!!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim