

Good morning!

Short week this week but nearly everyone is playing a game or two before Christmas!

Noah Jordan shared a clip with me last week.....one of those that will generate lots of discussion at meetings. Take a look at it [here](#). Ignore the commentators (like I needed to say that!).

What do you have? Noah said that he and his partner DID get together (obviously the video does not capture that) and discussed going intentional but decided against it. Regardless of what WAS ruled, this play would generate lots of discussion! Is this a basketball play? Did we have two of the three required components for an intentional foul (windup, contact and follow through)? In end-of-game situations, we do not need to have the intentional components met if there is not a play on the ball. Personally I would argue that this was NOT a basketball play – the defender did not go for the ball. This also leads to windup and contact being present. The two-handed push was not excessive but it was an obvious attempt to foul to stop the clock. This would be another great topic to include in your pre-game conference...and also as a reminder if the crew has a chance to talk in the last couple minutes during a timeout.

In regards to the double whistle on this play, it definitely was the T's primary, but as we know, the C has that big 'V' in transition the whole was up the court. A double whistle here is ok as long as the officials recognize there WAS a double whistle. Both had the same foul, no question there, just whether it was intentional or common.

That being said, this foul is also one that MUST be called immediately. If the C hesitates and to let the T make the call and for some reason does not, the white defender may come back for another foul to stop the clock. The defender may think it takes MORE contact to get a whistle so the next one is more severe. When we see obvious attempts to foul, make sure to get the first contact to stop the clock to avoid much tougher decisions.

Great 'food for thought' play today!

Enjoy the day and have a great game tonight!

Tim