

Good morning!

Weird plays and rare plays can catch us off guard. Take a look at one of those [here](#).

So we have blue 10 taking the ball OOB and using the ball to push the defender away so he has more room. The first question to answer is if the defender (white 14) is legal – is he across the plane of the OOB line? NO, the new T had him legal. Were the actions of blue 10 legal? NO, he cannot use the ball to push a defender away.

So what is the call? They decided on a technical foul on blue 10. This is definitely unsporting. It is also a live ball, but it CANNOT be considered ‘contact’ since the ball that he used to make contact. If he had thrown it in white 14’s face, I think we can all agree it is a technical foul. This is similar. A technical foul is the appropriate ruling here.

Ultimately, I would think this play would generate some valuable discussion!

Wednesday extra: Make sure the timer knows the ‘mercy rule’ requirements. Even though it is late in the season, we still need to make sure they know when to stop the clock and when not to. If it appears at halftime that there could be a running clock, discuss it either before going to the locker room or when you come out.

Have a great game tonight!