

Good morning!

Handoff screens...illegal nearly every time they happen. This is the one type of screen that the official who has the ball handler and defender CAN see and call the illegal screen. Take a look at one [here](#).

White 32 has the ball and dribbles across the top of the key, hands the ball to white 2 and chips/bumps blue 5 who was defending white 2. This should be an immediate whistle for the illegal screen. The T in this play appears to be too deep for the play (meaning he is too far towards mid-court). If the T had been in position near the top of the key, the bump on the hand-off would most likely have been much more clear.

I am not defending passing on this hand-off screen in saying that it is easy to pull on clip from a game and critique it as to correct or incorrect, but looking at positioning is always relevant. Also relevant is how the rest of the game had been called. This particular play was late in overtime. If the rest of the game had been called by passing on these, we cannot call this on the last play of overtime (similar to not calling an illegal screen with 5 seconds left of an NCAA championship game when no illegal screens had been called the rest of the game!). First and foremost, take a look at positioning on any clip you look at!

Friday extra: When a team has no timeouts remaining, tell them they have 'ZERO' remaining, not 'NONE'. 'NONE' can easily be interpreted as 'ONE' and if that happens, we could have a real mess!

Have a great game tonight!