

Good morning!

This clip was shared with me...pretty sure it came from a FB post...take a look [here](#).

Take a look at rule 5-2-5:

**ART. 5 . . .** When play is resumed with a throw-in or free throw and three-tenths (.3) of a second or less remains on the clock, a player may not gain control of the ball and try for a field goal. In this situation only a tap could score.

**NOTE:** This rule does not apply if the clock does not display tenths of a second.

**SECTION 2. WINNING TEAM**

In the play in the clip, there was 0:00.3 seconds on the clock with a throw-in. As officials, we need to know that when there is 0.3 seconds *or less* on the clock with a throw-in, there can only be a tap that would count as a score. When a player controls (catches) and shoots, the period ends with no goal allowed no matter what happens with the horn.

Bottom line is to get this right immediately. The official with the last shot responsibility (in a 3-person game it is T or C, whomever is opposite and in a 2-person game it is T) must be keenly aware of the clock AND if the receiving player catches the ball. If that player catches the ball, we blow the whistle and wave the shot off immediately. If it is a tap, we would raise an open hand and hold the whistle until the result of the tap is evident, then count it if it goes in by looking directly at the timer to count the hoop as we motion a good goal, or if it does not go in, blow the whistle signal the end of the period with a single 'no goal'.

In this particular play, the officials huddled to talk about it being a tap or a catch. If you need to do that, do it! Better to talk and be right than to not talk and film tell the rest of the story!

Wednesday extra: The coaching box is defined in the rules book. It is from the baseline to a point 28 feet up the sideline from the baseline. It cannot be modified by the officials for any reason...not because the scorer's table is offset, not because there is a wall behind the benches that do not allow the chairs to move further away from the court, not because a coach requests it, *no reason whatsoever!* Enforce the coaching box as written and intended!

Have a great game tonight!