

Good morning!

Defenders who sawt at shot in an attempt to block shots. These are nearly always easy to officiate.

Take a look at a couple swats/shot block attempts:

[Swat 1](#)

[Swat 2](#)

When a shot blocker 'swats' at a shot, there is nearly always contact on more than the ball. We still need to see the contact, but these types of defenders make blowing the whistle easy for us. When we mention in a pregame conference to 'call the obvious', these are the types of fouls we are talking about.

We have two weeks left, work on calling the obvious fouls! Work on those couple 'little' things that your mentor and the respected officials may have talked to you about. If you have nothing, ask a respected official for some feedback. Give that person a film of you or invite them to a game of yours!

Tuesday extra: Marty and I were talking via email again and he mentioned a meeting he was at where a table issue was brought up. The scorekeeper and/or timer don't show up at the table until right before tip. This is an issue. We do have topics to discuss with them. Ask game management to find them for you

Tuesday bonus: I also was sent this pic over the weekend. Amazing that we have no striped shirt on the official scorer AND there is no arrow at the table! We have discussed the striped shirt being required but we also need to know that an arrow *at the table* is not optional, it is required! If the electronic one is broken, have them make one with a box they can flip over! Just do it, you never know who is in your gym!



Have a great game tonight!

Tim