

Good morning!

Take a look at a play with one player falling down on contact [here](#).

Great discussion play but this looks like a skinny kid running into a big kid (Spud Webb running into Shaq). The defender (white) is actually moving towards red and red does not try to run through him or push him. Red just seems to be a big, strong kid and white bounces off of him and goes to the floor. This is incidental contact.

Rule 4-27 defines Incidental Contact and article 2 is this scenario and says 'Contact, which may result when opponents are in equally favorable positions to perform normal defensive or offensive movements, should not be considered illegal, even though the contact may be severe'.

I am not sure this is 'severe' contact, but it certainly is incidental. Does red end up with an advantage? SURE, but he did nothing illegal to gain that advantage!

Friday extra: Band-Aids are always a red flag, especially when on the ear or nose. We DO have the right to ask the player to see under the Band-Aid. Also, a game Monday night required 4 girls to remove plastic, clear studs in place of their regular jewelry. The girls replied 'but it is clear'! NO jewelry is permitted, even if plastic or clear! Just take care of it at ALL levels!

Have a great game tonight and a relaxing weekend!