

Good morning!

Take a look at a free throw situation [here](#).

Why do kids do things like this?? So, the C had a flagrant T for this, was it correct? Flagrant? ABSOLUTELY! Was the ruling of a T correct? YES!

White 21 shoots the free throw and violates by crossing the free throw line before the ball hits the rim. THIS causes the ball to become dead (rule 6-7-8). Remember that when we have a violation by the free throw team only, we penalize it immediately by blowing the whistle, wave the shot off and the ball is dead. The C *did* know the ball was dead from the violation by the free throw shooter and fortunately saw the actions of white 21 making flagrant contact (he eyed him up, charged him and knocked him to the floor). Any dead ball contact is ignored unless it is intentional or flagrant (rule 10-4-6). This act by white 21 certainly rises to the level of a flagrant foul (rule 4-19-4).

In this case, we resume play with 2 free throws by blue (any team member may shoot the free throws), then blue gets the ball for a throw-in at the division line opposite the table. The coach should have seen what happened but the C should tell the coach what happened, then send the kids to their benches, the C ask the officials to write the disqualified player's name down for you, make sure they add a team foul to the white team total and let the blue coach know that anyone can shoot the free throws.

What makes it important to know if we have a flagrant T instead of a flagrant intentional? There are two reasons – 1) if it were a flagrant intentional, the blue player fouled (or his substitute if the blue player fouled is injured enough to not be able to continue) would shoot the free throws instead of any team member in the case of a technical foul, and 2) the throw-in spot would be the nearest of the designated spots (in this case on L's side three feet outside the lane line on the endline) instead of at the division line opposite the table. These seem minor, but they can be very important, and it is the rule!

In addition, when the official files the disqualification report (right after the game please), the 'Supplemental' checkbox should be checked due to the contact here.

All we are doing as officials is enforcing the rules that are written. Great get by the C on this crew!

Monday extra: Get a film or one of your games this week if you normally don't, then watch it! Be honest with yourself! Ask your mentor or trusted friends to give their opinion of select plays!

Have a great game tonight!