

Good morning!

'Let's make sure we protect shooters' is in nearly all of our pregame conferences. This means that contact on a shooter that is illegal must be realized and called. This is a contact sport, so all contact is obviously not a foul.

Take a look at contact on the shooter [here](#).

We had contact on the shooter by red 50. Was it illegal? YES! Why? Because red 50 was still moving *towards* the shooter as the shooter left the floor and did not let the shooter land where he normally would when he left the floor. The key here is that the defender *continued* moving towards the shooter after the shooter jumped, regardless of what the announcers say!

This all falls under the 'Guarding' rule – rule 4-23.

This play is also why we say 'make sure we see jump shooters all the way up and back to the floor' ...so that we SEE a defender undercut an airborne shooter.

Thursday Extra: When checking the books, make sure to check for duplicate or illegal numbers, not just count how many numbers are listed. If they are in order, it is easy. If they are not, start at 0 (or 00) and go up sequentially and mark each number as you go until all are marked.

Thursday Bonus: Pregame conferences are SO IMPORTANT! Even if you have limited time at lower levels, TALK about what you will do as a crew!

Have a great game tonight!

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