

Good morning!

Rim play....and all other calls...require 100% positivity to put air in the whistle!

Take a look at a rim play clip [HERE](#).

This clip is more about *knowing a rule* and being *positive* that what happened was illegal before putting air in the whistle.

Just as a reminder about the rules for goaltending and basket interference...

Goaltending MUST have three components happen:

1. The ball *must* be on the way down,
2. The ball *must* have a chance to go in, and
3. The ball *must* be touched by the defense.

For basket interference, and part of the ball must be touched while it is one the ring or in the cylinder and:

1. If touched by the defense, it is a good goal since we have defensive basket interference, and
2. If touched by the offense, we wipe the goal because we have offensive basket interference.

In both of these cases, we must be absolutely positive it happened to blow the whistle. The C and T here were not positive so correctly did not blow the whistle. They also discussed rim play in their pregame. Just as a side note, the ball hitting the backboard has *nothing* to do with rim play under NFHS rules. The coach for blue thought the ball hitting the backboard made it illegal. We need to know the rules and be able to explain what we have, or do not have, to the coach. In this one, we could say 'Coach, the ball was not on the way down when it was touched by white'.

Remember that the rules are our best friend. KNOWING them and being able to talk to the coach about what the rule actually says is really important!

Wednesday Extra: It is extremely important that you keep your assignor(s) updated with blocked dates from here through the rest of the season. Rescheduled games are coming in for most assignors and they are not confirmed until the assignor tells the AD that officials are available. When three available officials show open for a varsity game and two for the JV game, those officials are being counted on to really be open. It is easy to block dates in Arbiter, RefQuest or however your assignor knows your blocked dates. Take care of the *accountability* part of Ability, Availability and Accountability.

Have a great game tonight!

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