

Good morning!

Have you ever had a fight in a game? If so, you'll never forget it and I do not wish a fight in ANYONE'S game.

We certainly have some things we can do to try to prevent a fight, but sometimes nothing we do at all would help.

Loose balls can be the instigator for a 'scrum' so closing down to the play (moving to the play with a sense of urgency) to prevent anything beyond the held ball or possession of the ball or whatever the result is can be very helpful.

Take a look at the loose ball scrum and what the officials did [here](#).

This game was between two traditional rivals. They do not like each other at all. The officials knew this and pre-gamed it.

When the loose ball happened, and kids were on the floor, L and C immediately moved **with urgency** to the play. When it was clear that something further was happening, the T came in quickly also to help break it up. The coaches did a great job of coming out and getting their payers way. Remember that the coaches ARE permitted to come on the floor in a situation where a fight is/could happen. This situation was handled as well as anyone like this could have. Whether the officials prevented any player from doing something really dumb isn't known, but they sure did everything they could have!

In a two-person game, it is probably best for both officials to get to the play as quickly as possible to try to prevent anything else. What we hope to do in and game, two or three-person, is to keep all the players in view. This crew did a great job in all aspects. Make sure to discuss rivalries and what to do in loose ball plays during your pregame.

Thursday Extra: Coaches can use gestures to 'show up' and official. Don't let that happen without penalty! For example, if a coach 'waves off' your partner when he/she turns their back, take care of it!

Thursday Bonus: HAVE FUN when working a game! Why else are we doing this? Enjoy it!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim