

Good morning!

Those seldom seen plays that we need to recognize when we see them.....take a look at one [here](#).

Look at rule 10-4-6d:

ART. 6 . . . Commit an unsporting foul. This includes, but is not limited to, acts or conduct such as:

- a. Disrespectfully addressing or contacting an official or gesturing in such a manner as to indicate resentment.
- b. Using profane or inappropriate language or obscene gestures.
- c. Baiting or taunting an opponent. NOTE: The NFHS disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances.
- d. Purposely obstructing an opponent's vision by waving or placing hand(s) near his/her eyes. NOTE: Purposely diverting an opponent's attention by waving is different than holding or waving the hands near the opponent's eyes for the express purpose of obstructing the vision so that he/she cannot see.

10.4.6 - Unsporting Fouls

SITUATION A:

Does holding or moving a hand or hands in front of the face of a player who has the ball, by an opponent who is in a legal guarding position, constitute unsporting tactics?

RULING: Yes. The described action is illegal. It is unsporting for a guard to take a position behind a post player, or to take a position facing an opponent, or to take a position with his/her back to the ball and facing the opponent and then in either case, wave or hold the hands in front of the opponent's eyes so that the opponent cannot see. Holding or waving hands near the eye for the ostensible purpose of obstructing an opponent's vision is unsporting. (10-4-6c, 10-4-6d)

The note for 10-4-6d is important. Simply waving to divert attention is *different than* waving or placing the hands near the eyes of an opponent. Placing them near an opponent's eyes obstructs vision and is a safety issue, hence the technical foul for unsporting behavior.

Tuck this away and be prepared when you have it happen in your game!

Monday Extra: Remember that on free throws, a maximum of 4 opponents of the free throw shooter and 2 teammates of the free throw shooter may occupy lane spaces. If the offense chooses not to occupy the second spaces, the opponents (a max of 4) may occupy any of the spaces (case play 8.1.4 Situation A).

Monday Bonus: Four weeks till the last regular season play date. Make sure you are taking care of yourself. Get good sleep, eat right and stretch before going on the floor!

Have a great game tonight!

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