

Good morning and happy Groundhog Day!

Screening...you know those games where both teams seem to set screen after screen in their half court offense. Getting illegal screens early is important to set the tone for what is being permitted.

Make sure to take a look at the screen rule at 4-40 on page 42 of the rules book. There is a LOT to digest. Is the player being screened stationary or moving? Can the player being screened see the screener or not? THOSE answers determine what constitutes a legal or illegal screen.

The clip today is a 'handoff' screen that is illegal. The player being screened is moving, so the screener must allow 'time and distance' for the screened player to avoid contact. There is no time or distance given by the screener (the ball handler handing off the ball) in the play. It is illegal. Take a look [here](#).

Screening is extremely difficult in many plays since so many of them happen in the PCA of the official who has the ball handler and defender...thus seeing the ball handler/defender AND the screen very tough.

Screens deserve more than a mention in each pregame conference. Screening deserves definite attention in each pregame.

READ the rule and digest it! Screening has lots of room for improvement by most of us each game!

Friday Extra: Are you having FUN this late in the season? We all *should be!!!* Make sure you are!

Friday Bonus: The official scorekeeper is singular, not plural! There is to only be ONE person keeping the book, not one person for each page! We are to look at **the** official scorer, not decide which person to look at depending on who the foul is on. Make it clear when at the table when checking the books that only ONE person is the keeper of the official book!

Have a great game tonight!

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