



NCAA Women's Basketball National Coordinator Update January 3, 2005

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

As the non-conference season comes to an end, the majority of games I have seen indicate that officials are doing a good job of calling displacement. Post and cutter displacement calls are being made with more regularity than in previous years. Stay focused and continue to enforce this point of emphasis.

NEEDS ATTENTION

Officials must improve their decision-making when the defender uses an arm-bar on the dribbler. Incidental contact with an arm bar is permissible. However, when the defender keeps an arm bar on the dribbler or continually puts the arm bar on and off the dribbler, a foul must be called. Many officials are waiting too long to make this call. It appears that once the dribbler makes a move to the basket, officials are waiting to see if the shot is made. **THIS IS TOO LATE!** Make the call sooner!

INTENTIONAL FOULS

While officials need to pay attention to the December 17, 2004, posting regarding intentional fouls, they should make this call on the basis of their "observation of the act," per the guidelines in the Rule 4-26.6. There has not been a serious problem calling the intentional foul in the women's game. Therefore, at this point in the season, officials should not totally change the way they manage this aspect of the game.

Best of success to all as we begin the conference season.

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