

# IAABO

## Inside the Lines

### IAABO Spring Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland

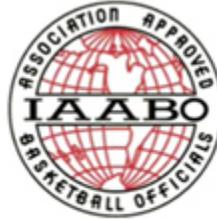


The IAABO Spring Meeting will take place in beautiful Ocean City, Maryland. Reservations are now open for the Holiday Inn in Ocean City, MD April 19-22, 2018, by calling 410-524-1600 (ask for the IAABO rate ---Rates are \$99 for Wed, and Thursday, \$149 Friday and Saturday). Meeting highlights include the Life Membership Luncheon, committee meetings, elections, an awards program and the annual golf outing. Click [here](#) to register for the upcoming spring meeting.



Click [here](#) to view the IAABO Play of the Week No. 13. At the end of the video, you will need to click on the link shown below to access the survey question. In addition, all IAABO Plays of the Week are archived at [www.iaabo.org](http://www.iaabo.org).

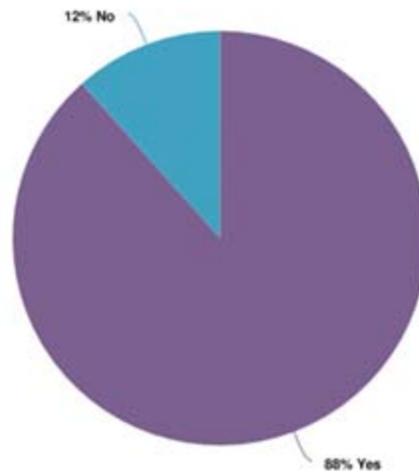
Click [here](#) to answer a survey to ensure that you have an accurate ruling. Once you submit your answer, you will receive a response with IAABO's point of view on this play



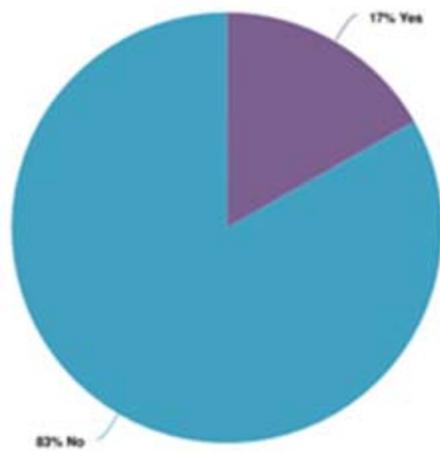
## ***Play of the Week***

The results from IAABO Play of the Week No.12 are shown below.

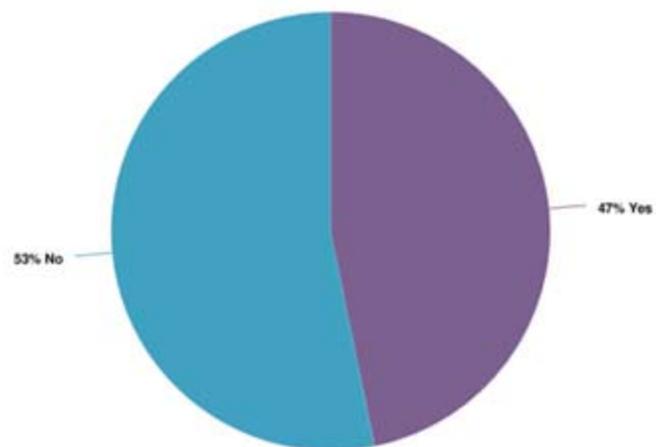
1. Was the ruling official in the proper position to rule on the play?



2. Was the official's ruling of a non-shooting foul correct?



3. For the ruling he made, was the official's signal sequence correct?



**Congratulations**

The winner of this week's prize is Ronnie Abrams, Bd. 11, Wilmington, Delaware. Ronnie will receive a prize in the mail from IAABO, Inc. A special thanks to everyone who participated.

## **It's February...Now it Really Counts**

"It's February." We say it every year. February is synonymous with intensity, urgency, difficulty and significance. Coaches require more of themselves and their players during February. We need to require the same for ourselves.

The end of the season is not too different from the end of a game. As each week passes every game, every possession and every play become more critical and more significant for teams. Why, because there is no time to recover from a mistake, error or a loss? The same is true for us. The mistakes we make in February, like the end of a game, are hard to recover from because time is running out. Because the impact mistakes have on games in February is greater we need to strive for perfection.

There are some things we can do to avoid some problems we might encounter. There are certain things we can control, and we need to control them.

### **Situational Awareness**

Be aware of everything that is going on in the game. Our primary job is to get plays right, but if we are aware of the other things that can impact the game we may not have to deal with the unusual. Know the time on the game clock. Every time you cross a line on the court, the endline, the division line, the free throw line and you do not have a competitive matchup to officiate take a quick look at the clock. On a throw-in or free throw, take a quick look to make sure the clock starts correctly, when the whistle blows take a quick look to see if the timer stops the clock. Know the timeouts remaining. Be aware of and alert to situations where a player/team may request a time out. Know the foul count; which team is in the bonus; if we're in the bonus, help get the shooter. We don't want to lose the shooter, especially late in the game. Recognize and identify competitive matchups. Think about what a team or player's tendency has been and anticipate what might be coming. Be ready for everything and don't get surprised by anything.

### **Communicate with the Table**

We certainly don't want administrative snafus or problems with the score or clock in the last month of the season or at the end of the game. Have a good pregame with them. Make sure they know how important they are. Talk to the timer about starting and stopping the clock and which official to watch

when starting the clock. The scorer needs to make sure what is on the board is what is in the book and vice versa when it comes to the score and team fouls. At the end of games make sure to reinforce what you talked about in the pregame and that they fully understand their roles. Keep them engaged.

## **Consistency**

We hear over and over, “Be consistent.” What does that mean?

While our ultimate objective is complete consistency; consistency in that night’s game is what is most important to players and coaches. This too should be our goal as individuals and as a crew every game.

We don’t want to just be consistent. We want to be consistently correct. As a crew, we must all see the same game and rule similar plays the same on both ends of the floor. However, if we get a play wrong, that does not mean we accept getting subsequent similar plays wrong for the sake of being consistent. If we get a block/charge play backwards and have a similar block/charge play on the other end of the floor, get it right! Then if the coach asks, say you missed the first one.

By establishing early that the game will be officiated consistently, within the rules and in accordance with these principles, we let the players and coaches know what the expectations are and how they need to adjust.

**Eliminate the frustration caused by inconsistency!**

## **MEDICAL ALERT BRACELETS**



Medic Alert medals are allowed under Rule 3-5-7, provided they are taped. Medic Alert identifying “medals” seem to be transitioning to a plastic/rubber bracelet similar to the photo shown.

Despite the change in material the requirement that the medal must be taped cannot be waived. Using a clear tape would ensure compliance with the rule and allow the medical condition information to be more completely visible. If clear tape is not available, a non-transparent tape could be used in a way to meet the rule requirement and still allow it to be seen as a medic alert identifier.

## QUESTION

**Ed Barber, Interpreter of IAABO #54 (MA) wrote in this week with this question:**

If a defender obtains a legal guarding position and begins falling prior to ball handler making contact, should he/she be penalized for flopping?

Answer:

If a defender who has obtained legal guarding position falls backward, it does not mean they have lost legal guarding position.

Depending on the situation, if contact occurs on the defender's torso, the correct ruling could be a player control foul. If you do not believe the contact meets the charging criteria (4-7-2), the contact could also be ruled to be incidental. (4-27)

There mere fact that a defender falls backward would also not justify ruling a blocking foul. A blocking foul would only occur if the defender impeded the offensive player in some manner. (4-7-1)

If the defender is being deceitful, (faking being fouled) a technical foul would be warranted. (10-4-6f)

**IAABO Foundation Raffle Underway  
(Cash Option Available)**



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You can also purchase a ticket by contacting any other IAABO Foundation Trustee or IAABO Inc. Executive Committee member. Note: A maximum of 1,000 tickets can be sold. The drawing date for the car will be April 28, 2018. The winner may elect the cash option.



Thanks to everyone who participated in the annual Official's vs. Cancer campaign that was held during the past week. Donations are still being accepted. To make a donation, please send your check or money order to your board Point of Contact or mail it directly to: Official's vs. Cancer, P.O. Box 355, Carlisle, PA 17013.

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## Game Tracker Journal

You have likely heard the saying, *“a goal without a plan is just a wish,”* and this age-old adage rings so true for all people pursuing all types of endeavors.



And for basketball officials embarking on the 2017-2018 season absent a basic strategy on how to achieve a stated desire -- a better schedule; advancement to the next level -- you are in a rudderless boat on an open sea hoping the winds of fate blow you to your destination.

Seeking officiating success described in this manner seems laughable, but yet many officials take this approach with their beloved avocation.

But Ref, don't panic now...Help is on the way in the form of the new, and first of its kind, **GameTracker Journal**.

This latest publication from long time IAABO members Billy Martin, Tim Malloy and Al Battista, the creators of [Ref60.com](http://Ref60.com), is an innovative tool that provides a template for every basketball official, at every level, to create your own realistic roadmap helping to guide you to your desired destination - one game at a time.

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