

“Reflections”

(By Peter Webb, Commissioner, Bd. III ME)

- Why do players fall down “acting as if charged”?
- Why do players (defense and offense) use a hand(s) to feel opponents outside of their view?
- Why do players, when “boxing out” shooters or other potential rebounders, put their rear into an opponent and push them back?
- Why do players (defense and offense) place a forearm or hand(s) on an opponent while defending or trying to progress?
- Why do players foul intentionally?
- Why do players grasp the ring?
- Why do players often carry/palm the ball rather than dribble as per rule?
- Why do players along the free throw lane lines raise and/or move an arm(s) as the free thrower is about to release the try on the first of two free throw attempts?
- Why is a coach out of the coaching box?

All of the above are illegal with the exception of incidental contact. Incidental contact is contact that does not affect the play of either player involved. The lack of severity or the severity of the contact is not necessarily the issue.

How do you rule? How does your ruling affect one or both teams?