

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Rough play has been a point of emphasis by the NFHS basketball rules committee off and on for years. A few years back the rules committee instituted restrictions on touching the ball handler on the perimeter and in the post. There is no doubt that these new rules helped to clean up the game. Rough play continues to be a problem however, and is found at all levels and genders of play.

Rough play can be addressed by officials by using the philosophy of RBSQ. Did contact affect the ball handlers Rhythm, Balance, Speed or Quickness? If so, it is likely a foul. Consider RIDD. Did contact Reroute, Impede, Displace or Dislodge the opponent? Do you have players on the floor? One player on the floor and you possibly have a foul. Two or more players on the floor and you likely have a foul, but not always. The best way to address rough play is to blow your whistle.

The results of rough play can be very negative. Loss of control of the game, hurt players, upset coaches who may now have a technical foul or even an ejection.

For your consideration: You can get into more trouble as an official for what you don't call than for what you do call. Remember that it easy for a game to get out of control and extremely difficult to get it back under control.

Watch the following clip that is linked below and decide if play is too rough. If there is a foul, what do you call and when do you call it?

LINK TO VIDEO: <http://osaabasketball.arbitersports.com/Front/105990/Video/player/13943/16926>

NOTE: If your computer does not allow you to go to the video by clicking on the link, please copy and paste the link in your web browser.

A few answers:

- Ribbons in the hair are illegal.
- Teammates may not occupy adjacent positions which are parallel to and within three feet of the boundary line if an opponent desires one of the positions.
- If an official administers a throw-in to the wrong team, the mistake must be rectified before the throw-in ends.

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