

Screens

Please feel free to [email me](#) back with any other thoughts or questions you may have on these plays. Also if you have any topics/plays you would like to see in the next email let me know.

Some other areas of the rulebook to look would be:

- Page 49 Rule 4-40 Screens
- Page 65 Rule 10-7 Contact
- Casebook page 90-91: 10.7.11 Situation A and B

Definition:

Page 39 – Rule 4-40

ART. 1: A screen is a legal action by a player who, without causing contact, delays or prevents an opponent from reaching a desired position.

ART. 2: To establish a legal screening position:

- a. The screener may face any direction
- b. Time and distance are relevant
- c. The screener must be stationary, except when both the screener and opponent are moving in the same path and same direction
- d. The screener must stay within his/her vertical plane with a stance approximately shoulder width apart.

ART. 7: A player who is screened within his/her visual field is expected to avoid contact by going around the screener. In cases of screens outside the visual field, the opponent may make inadvertent contact with the screener and if the opponent is running rapidly, the contact may be severe. Such a case is to be ruled as incidental contact provided the opponent stops or attempts to stop on contact and moves around the screen, and provided the screener is not displaced if he/she has the ball.

ART. 8: A player may not use the arms, hands, hips or shoulders to force his/her way through a screen or to hold the screener and then push the screener aside in order to maintain a guarding position on an opponent.

PLAYS:

Play 1: <https://youtu.be/7eTMRBP8M0M>

Play 2: <https://youtu.be/kkfgLNFD6UM>

Play 3: <https://youtu.be/IIxsFYJalUY>

Play 4: <https://youtu.be/H7xvVQLCvss>

Discussion:

Play 1: A legal screen is set by black. Defender in white makes no attempt to get around the screen and uses his arms to push screener down. This should be whistled a foul on white. Furthermore what if the ball went in, Do you count the basket?? Continuous motion applies in this case. If when the whistle was blown the shooter began his shooting motion he would be allowed to finish and if the basket goes in you would count it. The ball does not need to be released only the shooter must be in the act of shooting.

Play 2: After the hand off by red he turns into the defender. This is correctly called an illegal screen. The C official does a good job seeing the whole play.

Play 3: Blue 3 is correctly whistled for an illegal screen. Art 2d says that the screener must be within his vertical plane and cannot be more than shoulder width apart. Blue 3 has a stance wider than shoulder width and because of this trips the defender.

Play 4: On this throw in the player in white never stops moving and does not give the defender time and space to get around her, this is an illegal screen. In addition, the trail is too high on this play, he should start closer to the sideline and at the 28ft mark. As an official/crew, we need to catalog plays and be more aware on the next throw in as to not miss again.