

Ref stats update

It's time for my ref stat updates. As usual no names, no claims, just the facts and nothing more or less!

This week holds lots of fun facts that you can inspire your friends with.

Total fouls called are down vs last year, with an average of 46.47 in total fouls being called per game (compared to 48.17 this time last year).

The average number of calls by the 3 veteran officials who call the most total fouls is about 51, with the high being his crews calling 52.07 fouls per game. On the low side, the average of veteran officials who call the least fouls is about 42.5 for their crews. Suggesting a variance in foul calls between certain veteran officials can run approximately 18 pct from game to game.

The average number of [travels](#) called this year is 2.49. (Thank you NBA for eliminating the "why don't you call traveling, it's a bad example" emails!) This compares to 2.1 at the end of last year. The variance between high and low, is 4.17 for one veteran officials crews and 1.44 for another veteran officials crew. Meaning that the highest officials' crews will call travelling almost 3x as often as the official whose crews call it the least.

Defensive 3 seconds is called on average .89 times per game this year, vs .59 times per game this time last year. The average number of calls by the 3 veteran officials who call def 3 the most is 1.7x per game. The least, 0.55x per game, or a factor of about 3.

Offensive fouls are called on average 4.6 times per game, compared to 5.16 times per game last year. The average number of calls by the 3 vet officials crews who call it the most is about 6 per game. The average for the 3 officials' crews that call it the least is 3.3.

Last year for offensive fouls, the average number of calls by the 3 veteran officials who call offensive fouls the most is 7 per game. The least, 3.6 per game.

There are .609 **techs** called per game this year compared to .724 per game last year. The top and bottom averages are about 1.1 per game vs .25 per game.

Last but not least, is **offensive 3 seconds**. There are .70 called per game, vs .794 called per game last year and .552 the year before. This year the top and bottom averages are about 1.25 per game vs 0.25 game, or about a 500pct variance.

So now you know everything you always wanted to know about officiating statistics but were afraid to ask. As you can see, different officials use their professional judgement differently, which is exactly what you would expect.

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