

It is apparent that there is some confusion in regards to the rules regarding the actions of Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Bench Personnel and Team Followers.

Some important Guidelines:

- The Team Area is a rectangle formed by the boundaries of the sideline (including the bench), end line and generally the 28 foot line or that designated by the officials prior to the game. All chairs and benches should be well inside this area. All coaches are to remain within this area.
- Only one coach is allowed up at a time and to continue to be up; generally this will be the Head Coach. Assistant coaches may get up to talk to a player or encourage players on the court, but he/she must not remain standing. The Head Coach or an Assistant Coach may ask the Table for a Time-out.
- Coaches out of Team Area (and not asking for a Time-out) for whatever reason will be issued a warning. Continued violation will result in a Direct Technical Foul; a second Direct Technical Foul will result in a Disqualifying Foul, and Ejection from the game. Any Coach ejected from a game must leave the confines of the gym, including the adjacent doorways and any areas allowing a view of the game.
- Head coaches, who question calls will, as a courtesy, be given a warning, unless the nature of the comment demands a technical foul. Assistant coaches, Bench Personnel and Team Followers receive no such warning; and the Head Coach will be assessed an Indirect Technical Foul. This is also called a Bench Technical. Any combination of three Indirect Technicals or two Indirect and one Direct to the Head Coach, will result in the Ejection of the Head Coach.

Hopefully this clarifies the rules and protocol for their enforcement for all coaches and officials.

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