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Coaching Box Rule

The NFHS Basketball Rules Committee has authorized the use of a fourteen (14) foot coaching box.

The NFHS and the OSAA have stated that the head coaches must comply with the rule by staying in the coaching box and have stated that officials must enforce the rule.

The head coach is responsible for the conduct and behavior of substitutes, disqualified team members and all other bench personnel.

Listed are guidelines for head coaches, assistant coaches and statisticians/managers.

HEAD COACH MAY NOT:

- ❖ Be out of the box at anytime.
- ❖ Accompany a substitute to the table.
- ❖ Go to the table to seek information.
- ❖ Go to the table between periods except halftime.

HEAD COACH MAY:

- ❖ Go to the table to request a timeout for a correctable error under Rule 2-10.
- ❖ Go to the table to request a timeout for a possible timing error or an alternating possession arrow mistake.
- ❖ Leave the box, when beckoned by an official, to attend an injured player.
- ❖ Leave the box at halftime.

ASSISTANT COACHES MAY NOT:

- ❖ Stand in the coaching box at any time
- ❖ Go to the table to seek information at any time.
- ❖ Kneel or 'squat' in front of the bench and must remain seated at all times.

ASSISTANT COACHES MAY:

- ❖ Leave the bench at halftime.
- ❖ Stand during time-outs or intermissions.
- ❖ Attend to an injured player after being beckoned.
- ❖ Spontaneously react to a play.

STATISTIANS/MANAGERS:

Statisticians/managers are the only people that are authorized to go to the table to seek any type of information and must do so only when the ball is dead and the clock is stopped.

If the school does not have a statistician/manager, the head coach may appoint anyone to the position with the exception of an assistant coach.

Any violation of the coaching box rule by the head coach will be a direct technical charged and the loss of the coaching box for the remainder of the game.

Any violation of the bench rule by an assistant coach or any bench personnel is charged to the offender and an indirect technical foul charged to the head coach with the loss of the coaching box for the remainder of the game.

There has been no change in the bench decorum rule for a number of years and all officials are reminded to enforce the rule.

NOTES:

- ❖ Any bench personnel may rise to applaud an outstanding play or applaud a player that has been replaced but must be seated immediately.
- ❖ A high school game may not begin until the coaching box has been properly marked.

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