

Top Ten Reasons to Not Give A Technical Foul

1. You can address a coach before it becomes a problem. A quiet word can go a long way in preventing.
2. Coaches are competitors they love challenges. Don't back yourself into a corner by saying be quiet or else. Instead offer a reason why you might be right.
3. When coaches complain ask yourself, is the call questionable, is the call wrong. If they have a legitimate gripe, then allow them some latitude.
4. If you know a coach is upset, then move out on to the floor when in front of the bench.
5. Don't tolerate a lot before a warning. Warnings can be very effective in preventing situations from escalating.
6. Lend an ear. Coaches like to be heard. If you ignore them, they may become more frustrated and more likely to lose control.
7. If a coach says something and you are the only one who hears it, when you give him or her a technical while they are sitting on the bench, then you get the worst of the situation. (Try to get their actions on tape)
8. If an assistant is out of line, speak to the head coach ask him or her to help you out.
9. If a player is out of line, then let the coach know. Tell him or her you've warned the player. That way if you do give a technical, the coach isn't surprised. Most good coaches will speak to the player first.
10. If you have had a rough day and know your fuse is short, keep it in mind before you do anything rash. Ask yourself, does the situation come under one of the top 10 reasons to give a technical. (Pregame your crew, let them know how your day went so they too can be aware and help you if need be when on the floor)

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