

COACHES BOX



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- The coaches box was approved by the WIAA Executive Board as a means to allow a head coach to better communicate with his/her players on the court.
- Officials have been directed to take a more active role in monitoring the coaches box as one aspect of overall game management and will address issues as outlined in the following two charts.





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GAME MANAGEMENT BY OFFICIALS

Situation	Early Season Enforcement	Regular Season Enforcement, beginning January 1
Schools that have no painted coaching box	Have game management in consultation with officials create a box. If game management refuses, play the game without a box. Regardless, officials shall contact their assigner and assigner contacts WIAA.	Unless there is a designated coaching box, play the game and both coaches must abide by the head coaches rule with no box. Notify assigner.
Coaches who are out of the box coaching	Point out to the coach that he/she is out of the box and direct the coach to abide by the coaching box guidelines. Do not answer questions when out of the box.	After a warning, technical foul.
Coaches who are out of the box complaining	One warning. Subsequent violations are a technical foul.	Technical foul.
Negative or crowd-inciting gestures in the box	Action and reaction to gestures may be criteria for a technical foul.	Technical Foul
Negative or crowd-inciting gestures outside of the box	Technical foul	Technical foul

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Coaches who repeatedly ask questions while remaining within the coaching box.	Inform the coach that the amount of interaction is distracting from the officiating	After warning, technical foul.
Coaches who repeatedly ask questions while out of the box	Do not answer questions when a coach is out of the box. One warning. Subsequent violations are a technical foul.	Technical foul.
A coach enters the floor to talk to officials during a time-out.	Officials walk the coach back to the bench/coaching box and let the coach know this is not the appropriate time to have a discussion. Warning if necessary.	Request the coach to go back to their bench/coaching box, if coach does not comply - technical foul
An assistant coach complains about calls, stands (in or out of the box) to coach players or enters the floor during a time-out.	Inform the head coach that the assistant coaches are not allowed the same privileges as head coaches. One warning. Subsequent violations are a technical foul.	Technical foul.