

The Technical Foul

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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 grip then allow them some latitude.
4. If you know a coach is upset then move out on to the floor when in front of their 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 then they become more frustrated and are more likely to lose control.
7. If a coach says something and you are the only one who hears it, if you T them while they are sitting on the bench, then you get the worst of the situation.
8. If an assistant is out of line then you can speak to the head coach ask them to help you out.
9. If a player is out of line then let the coach know. Tell them you've warned their player. That way if you do give a T then 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 ten reasons to give a T.

The Top Ten Reasons To Give A Technical Foul

Knowing when the right time to call a technical foul is half the battle.

There are many different factors to consider, when deciding to give a technical. Flow, time and score, language, the number of times a coach has complained, what the coach is complaining about, whether or not the coach wants one are all things that should be given consideration before calling a technical.

Generally there are three areas of coach's behavior that need attention:

When a coach makes it personal.

When a coach draws attention to himself or herself.

When a coach's complaints are persistent.

Some technicals are easy. They are black and white situations that leave little room for negotiations.

1. Leaving the confines of the coaching box and complaining.
2. Using profanity or language that is abusive, vulgar or obscene.
3. If coach or player has been warned and has not heeded the warning.
4. A coach demonstrates displeasure with your partner and their back is turned.

Other technical fouls are not as black and white. In some situations a warning may be appropriate before the technical foul is given.

5. A coach or player continually demonstrates signals or asks for calls.
6. If you are being embarrassed.
7. If giving a T will help give structure back to the game. Will it have a calming effect on things.
8. A coach questions your integrity.
9. If they have interfered with the game or your concentration then usually they have gone to far.
10. Inciting an undesirable crowd reaction.

Top Ten Ways to Give a Technical Foul

1. Calling a technical foul should be no different than calling any other violation. Maintain a pleasant attitude, have poise and presence. Don't embarrass them by being demonstrative.
2. Call the Technical. Report to the table and leave the area.
3. Explanations, if needed, should be done by partner.
4. Never look at a coach when you give a T.
5. When you give a T walk away. Find your partner.
6. After technical fouls get the ball in play immediately.
7. If you T a coach, after the T come back even stronger. Don't back off. Come back with the tough call that goes against that coach **if It Is there**.
8. Don't go to coaches after your partner has given them a T. Let your partner give any explanations needed.
9. Make them earn the second one. Don't be reluctant to give the second one if it is warranted.
10. Explain technicals on players to coaches: "Taunting and Baiting", "Cussing", Too much mouth."

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