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RULE 1-13-1 AND 1-13-2 BENCH LOCATION AND COACHING BOX

Bench location is determined by the host school (game management).

The coaching box shall begin 14 feet from the end line and go another 14 feet towards the mid-court. Schools may alter the placement of the 14-foot (maximum) coaching box in the examples listed below.

For courts that are less than the 84 foot regulation court, including those that are 'offset', the coach's box should be measured 14 feet from the baseline and then 14 feet from the first line toward mid court.

Most courts, even if less than 84 feet, would be sufficient with the new requirements.

Some will have a shorter distance from the second coaching box line to the division line based on the specific instance requiring alteration.

One foreseeable problem may be if the scoring table is fixed, (built into the bleachers) and off-center of the court where the second line may encroach into the scoring area. Per rule 1-13-2 NOTE: PIAA will allow exceptions in this instance at the discretion of the host school. The box may not exceed 14 feet, and should conform as closely as possible to rule 1-13-2. Otherwise, all coaching boxes should comply. Another instance would be if gymnasium entrances or ADA issues impact the placement of a conventional box.

If in the opinion of the game officials, there is a non-conforming court it should be reported in the following manner: Game referee > game manager and chapter rules interpreter > officials' representative > district committee and assistant executive director.

If an official arrives at a game site where no coaching box has been marked, he/she will request that a coaching box be marked immediately. If schools do not comply, the coaches must remain seated per rule 10.5.1.



ANNOUNCER RESPONSIBILITIES

PIAA Interpretation of NFHS Point of Emphasis:

The announcer is permitted, during a live ball and while the clock is running, to announce basic information that does not potentially affect play in general, the players, the coaches, or the officials.

The announcer may not “cheer on the team” or otherwise act to incite the crowd, or make special emphasis regarding plays.

As in the past, general information concerning the Contest can continue to be announced during dead ball situations. Announcements which may incite the crowd or interfere with the Contest in any way continue to be prohibited.

The announcer who performs professionally promotes good sportsmanship by what he/she says and how he/she acts upon saying it.

CREW COMMUNICATION

During the contest: Crew communication during the contest is essential to a well-officiated game. “Help” situations occur when officials either ask for or are offered assistance from their partners. These situations often occur on out-of-bounds plays and/or tipped-ball situations, the timing of a try/tap, and others. These situations should be discussed thoroughly during the crew’s pregame conference.

After the contest: It is essential that the crew have an honest and productive post-game discussion. The crew’s post-game evaluation should include a review of any applicable rules, crew consistency in calls and any unusual situations that may have occurred.

