

Direct and Indirect Technical Fouls



RULE 10 – FOULS AND PENALTIES, Section 5 Head Coach’s Rule (Page 64 & 65):

Art. 1 ...The head coach shall remain seated on the team bench, except; **(SEE St. Paul Municipal Athletic Rule exceptions)**

PENALTY:

If the technical foul is charged to the Head Coach, this is a Direct Technical Foul, it's possible that a coach can continue to coach with one technical foul charged to him/her, however, if the coach receives a 2nd Direct Technical Foul, it will be considered a **Flagrant Foul** and HE/SHE is ejected. (The coach may be ejected on the 1st Technical Foul charged to him/her depending upon the unsportsmanlike manner and language of the coach. Any contact by the Head Coach with the official will be automatic ejection and potential suspension from the program).

THE HEAD COACH is responsible for ALL bench personnel, this includes substitutes, assistant coach and team scorer. All players are considered substitutes until they enter the game. During warm ups prior to the game or 2nd half, all players are considered substitutes because the game or 2nd half hasn't started.

During the game, any Technical Foul charged to bench personnel, is a direct technical charged to that individual and will be penalized with 2 points and the ball given to the opponents at the division line. This technical foul **ALSO results in a Indirect Technical Foul charged to the Head Coach** but doesn't result in any additional points given to the opponents (consider it an administrative foul but should be included on the score sheet as an administrative note).

The HEAD COACH may continue to coach with ***one or two indirect technical*** fouls charged to him/her but any time this becomes combined with another indirect technical foul or direct technical foul, the **THIRD TECHNICAL FOUL** charged to the Head Coach, (***whether indirect or direct or any combination of THREE***), will be considered Flagrant and the Head Coach will be ejected.

AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER, an assistant coach or the scorer will be allowed to continue to play with a technical foul charged to him/her. But when an individual player, assistant coach or the scorer receives **their 2nd technical foul**, it will be considered **Flagrant** and the individual **will be ejected**, however, the first technical foul depending upon unsportsmanlike behavior, comment, etc. could be considered Flagrant and the player, assistant coach or scorer will be ejected.

EXAMPLES:

Play 1: A player prior to the game dunks the basketball, THIS player is charged with his/her first technical foul and the opposing team will start the game with two points and the ball at the division line, (this action also starts the AP arrow), The Head Coach would receive an Indirect Technical Foul for the player's action because the player is considered bench personnel at this time. NOTE: Any time the **Head Coach is charged with a technical foul (direct or indirect) he/she loses their privilege to stand at any time for the remainder of the game.**

Play 2: A player on the bench, makes an unsportsmanlike comment to the official during the game, the player is charged with a technical foul, (this results in two points for the opposing team and the ball at the division line) and the Head Coach would receive an indirect Technical Foul for the substitute's action/comment.

Play 3: The assistant coach or the scorer makes an unsportsmanlike comment to the official and is charged with a technical foul, the assistant coach's or scorer's technical foul results in two points for the opposing team and the ball at the division line and the Head Coach would receive an indirect Technical Foul for the assistant coach/scorer's action/comment.

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When an individual receives a Technical Foul, the Penalty results in two points awarded to the opponents and the ball at the division line for a throw-in. THIS PENALTY DOESN'T change the status of the AP ARROW. This is a separate penalty, so any time the ball is awarded for a technical foul, the AP ARROW will remain unchanged and pointing in the same direction after the ball is put in play.