

Important Information: Coaching Box Dimensions

The MIAA Basketball Committee adopted the following with regard to the Coaching Box at their October 2, 2001 meeting:

- The optional coaching box as described in NFHS 2003-2004 Rule 1 Section 13, page 16 must be utilized in all MIAA basketball games.

Optional Coaching Box ~ NFHS Rules 2003-04

NFHS Rule 1-13, page 16. ~ Section 13 TEAM BENCH LOCATIONS, COACHING BOX, BENCH AREA

ART.2... The coaching box shall be outlined outside the side of the court on which the scorer's and timer's table and team benches are located. The area shall be bounded by a line 28 feet from the end line, the sideline, a line no more than 14 feet from the 28-foot line toward the end line, and the team bench. These lines shall be located off the court, be 2 inches wide, and of a color contrasting with the boundary lines.

NOTE: By state association adoption, the head coach may be off the bench in front of his/her seat within the confines of the designated coaching box to give instructions to his/her players and/or substitutes. State associations may alter the placement of the 14-foot (maximum) coaching box.

- In the event of a non-conforming court, the head official will approve the location of the coaching box in such a manner that neither team is disadvantaged.
- If an official arrives at a playing site where no coaching box has been marked, he/she will request that a coaching box be marked immediately.
- If for some reason a school is not able or willing to comply with the directive to mark a coaching box, the game will be played under NFHS Rule 10 Section 5, page 64.

NFHS Rule 10, page 64 ~ Section 5 COACHES' RULE

ART.1... The head coach must remain seated on the bench at all times while the clock is running or is stopped except to:

- Rise and stand in front of his/her seat to request a time-out or to signal his/her players to request a time-out.
- Confer with personnel at the scorer's table to request a 60-second time-out for a correctable error, as in 2-10.
- Confer with personnel at the scorer's table to request a 60-second time-out to prevent or rectify a timing or scoring mistake or an alternating-possession mistake.
- Replace or remove a disqualified/injured player, or player directed to leave the game, within 30 seconds when a substitute is available, while within the confines of his/her bench.

ART.2... The head coach and assistant coach (es) must remain seated on the bench at all times while the clock is running or is stopped except to:

- Confer with bench personnel and players within the confines of the bench area during a charged time-out or the intermission between quarters and extra periods.
- Attend an injured player when beckoned onto the court by an official.
- Rise in front of their seat to spontaneously react to an outstanding play by a member of their team or to acknowledge a replaced player (s), but must immediately return to their seat. (See 1-13-2)

PENALTY (All articles) Two free throws plus ball for division-line throw-in. (**Arts. 1, 3**) The foul is charged directly to the head coach (**Art. 2**). If the head coach is the offender, the foul is charged directly to him/her. The foul is charged to the offender (if not the head coach) and also charged indirectly to the head coach. (**Art. 1b, c**) If the error is not correctable under 2-10, or if the mistake as in 5-8-4 cannot be prevented or rectified, a 60-second time-out is charged (or one 30-second, if that is the only type remaining). (**Art. 3**) Penalized if discovered while being violated. (**Rule 1-13-2 Note**) When the coaching box is being utilized, then the first technical foul charged directly or indirectly to the head coach results in loss of the coaching-box privileges and the coach shall comply with the provisions of Articles 1 and 2 for the remainder of the game.

NOTE: The third technical foul or the second technical foul charged directly to the head coach or a single flagrant foul results in disqualification and ejection to the team's locker room or outside the building.