Technicals Given to Coaches: Over the last few months during my tournaments, there has been a few instances when coaches had to be given technicals for their unsporting behavior. The vast majority of the techs were well deserved and earned. However, just want to clear up a misconception. If a coach is given a tech, the coach must sit (seatbelt rule) after receiving the technical foul. This also includes an indirect technical foul assessed to the head coach. Coach may rise to applaud a good play, call a timeout or request a timer/scorer/official error per Rule 2-10. The bottomline is; coaches given techs will sit. Recommend that the 2nd official inform the coach of this penalty after the first tech. If a coach has to be given a second tech, he/she is ejected and has to leave the court area.

As a general rule of refereeing, we do not address fans' comments or behavior unless they are using profanity, making comments or reactions that could incite violence or unsporting action on the court, coming onto the court, or throwing things on the court. Even when these type of actions accrue, we still don't directly confront the fans, we get the Administrator and allow them to deal with the fan. Other than that, we ignore their comments about calls, rules, call it both ways, etc.

You are in a no-win situation when dealing with rowdy fans. As a general rule, most fans do not know or understand the intent of basketball rules, so trying to explain things to them or addressing them directly will get you no where.

Having officiated this game for close to 37 years, I know fans can be an pain in rear at times and we are all human, but, as referees we are in a business where we have to maintain an level head and be above the fray.

Thanks for listening!

- A-Typical Problems with coaches, players, and fans. If you have an extreme problem with a coach, fans, or players. Please inform the administrator of the nature of the problem. Then make sure you inform me later what happen, this is especially important if you have to toss a coach or had a problem with a fan and the administrator had to be called to the court to take care of that situation.
- Lastly, be on time for your games. We are expected to be on the court and ready to officiate NLT 15 minutes prior to game time

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