

Good morning!

'The only friends we have on the floor are our partners.' Hear this before right?

Take a look at a GREAT partner [HERE!](#)

We have been told for several years that a 'wave off' by a coach is an *automatic technical foul*. In this clip, the T tries to get the coach off the floor by just asking/signaling him to move back to his coaching box. When he does not comply, he blows the whistle and issues a warning to the head coach. The coach obviously does not agree with his explanation and gives him a 'wave off'. The L automatically assesses a technical foul for it. This is fantastic crew work in that if the T had issued the T, he is giving the warning, then the T. The coach then 'waves off' the L who gave the T also, but the crew passed on this...and it didn't matter anyhow because after the first free throw, the head coach was still complaining and earned a second T. The two T's were given by two different officials. *If at all possible*, we would like the second T to a coach to be given by a different official than the first. Sometimes that is not possible, but if we can, it 'looks' better.

In my opinion, the warning issued by the T is an appropriate one. This coach was out on the floor coaching his team. If he had been complaining about a call, it would warrant a T. Great use of the warning here (and I am not a 'warning' guy!) The L who gave the first T did a fantastic job as a partner. The T was a very experienced official and the L is in his third year! To make that call as a young official is way beyond a third-year official! He can work with me ANY game!

During the free throw for the T, the teams are mingled together in the back court which *could* be an issue even though no player was involved in the technical foul. It does not hurt for the T on the free throws to move to the division line or even further to monitor the players and at the very least, open up on the sideline to look back at the players. We have two officials at L and C seeing the free throw shooter and shot, so not much else for the T to do than to make sure nothing goofy happens.

GREAT crew work here, thanks guys

Monday extra: Have a relaxing break and Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! Make sure to spend quality time with your family and loved ones!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim