

Good morning!

Hope you had a great weekend!

Pregame warmups.....one of the first responsibilities is to make sure the teams get to their own end of the floor appropriately. They did in this clip, but some preventive work could avoid an issue we do not want...take a look [here](#).

Each team must proceed directly to their own end of the floor. They may not circle the opponent, run through the opponent, run down the baseline and up the other sideline, enter two doors at the opponent end and proceed to their end, etc. In the case of white here, they MUST run the sideline closest to where they came out. The major issue in this situation is that the cheerleaders SHOULD be angled right down the sideline, not out into red's warmups.

As a crew, we should get to the entrance and move the cheerleader's angle to direct them down the sideline. It doesn't hurt to go to the entrance doors for each team to 'help' them to their end of the floor when they come out. Try to be on the floor immediately to take care of things just like this. It is easy to stay and talk to the JV officials if a varsity game, but the more attentive we can be the better!

So, IF they had run through the opponent coming out for warmups, what do we have? Well, it is an unsporting act by the bench. It is an indirect technical foul to the head coach, a team foul on the board and in the book, he/she loses the coaching box and must sit the entire game (except to request a timeout), the opponent shoots two free throws, the opponent gets the ball at the division line for the throw-in to start the game, and the offending team gets the arrow when the throw-in is completed. The R should go to the offending team's coach and tell him/her what will be happening and take care of the reporting to the book then also. During the captain's meeting, tell everyone 'we will be starting the game a little different tonight' and explain what will happen.

There are times we just cannot prevent it from happening, such as if the second (usually home) team out goes around the outside of the gym to two doors and runs down both sidelines. Try your best to use preventative measures!

Monday Extra: While on the pregame topic.....when the R goes to the table, BOTH books should be check and compared to make sure they MATCH! We had an issue Saturday where the table asked for an official and the home (official) book did not have #33 for the visitor but had a #35 and there was a # 33 on the floor. Upon inspecting the visiting book, there WAS a #33 in the book but no #35. Neither book appeared to have erasure marks for the number spaces for that player. If the R had *made sure* the books matched during the pregame table visit, this issue could have easily been resolved. HOPEFULLY neither scorekeeper make a change to attempt to get a technical foul called. Just take the time to verify that both books match!

Have a great game tonight!

Tim