

Good morning.....looks like our friends in the central and eastern part of the state are going to get a storm today.....hopefully everyone has safe travels.

Today's tip.....'storming the court' by either a team or fans with time still on the clock. I am sure many have heard or seen the end to regulation at St. Bonaventure Saturday. The clip will show exactly what happened since the media reports were not accurate whatsoever. With 3 seconds remaining, St. Bona is down 2 with a throw-in under their own hoop. They make a pass to get a quick 3-point shot and make it. In NCAA the clock stops in the final minute on a made hoop, so there was 0.4 seconds remaining and the TEAM 'storms' the court AND a security guard takes the ball and walks down the sideline since he thought the game was over. VCU had to run to get the ball and missed a desperation shot. The fans THEN stormed the court. The officials got together and determined that the team coming on the court with time remaining AND the ball being taken warranted a technical foul. They were justified according to rule AND the A-10 conference, yet the conference also ridiculed their decision. This is nuts, they did what was right!

OK, we know the clock does not stop in NFHS upon the making of a goal in the last minute, but what if a teams' bench and coaching staff run onto the court with time still on the clock when the opponent has the opportunity with the ball? If a team DOES come onto the court with time on the clock in a situation like this, we DO have a technical foul. All we are asking the teams to do is to wait until the final buzzer. They KNOW that. When a team INTERFERES with the end of the game (including coaches or more than 5 players on the court), we don't have a choice. Hopefully we do not have a situation like this, but just be prepared.

On a side note, even though we have the authority to penalize a fan of a team, we need to tread VERY lightly there since we REALLY do not know which team a fan is actually a fan of. Believe it or not, there are 'fans' who would 'fake' being a fan of one team in order to draw a penalty for the benefit of their 'real' team.....

OK, enough already....[here](#) is the clip.

Have a great game tonight and again, safe travels.

Tim