

Good morning!

It's Friday! There are some very important games tonight as far as league standings, playoffs and rivalries go, but EVERY game is big to the kids/coaches/parents....work hard.

Head coaches.....a colleague once described them in one of three categories.....toothaches, volcanoes or gentlemen/women. Think about those.....pretty fair assessment. The gentleman/woman coach is the one who we love to work for and when he/she DOES say something, it's probably a good idea to listen to what they are saying. I am sure we all have a couple coaches in mind who fit that bill. The volcano.....the coach who explodes.....Jim Boheim when he rips his jacket off or the coach who explodes at the dislike of a call. Those are fairly easy to officiate, or at least they SHOULD be. No excuse for an explosion, period. The toothache.....you know those coaches.....they say things throughout the game.....seem to approach the line but not cross it? Maybe the line is different for each of us and it DOES get crossed for some. Remember the spirit of the rules here for coaches.....the coaching box is to COACH in. It is NOT to help us officiate, make calls for us, yell at us, make snide or sarcastic comments, complain about a partner, wave an official off about a call.....I could go on and on. The box is to COACH in and if he/she has a QUESTION for us, it may be asked.

It seems the enforcement of the bench decorum/coaching box is a bit lax. This year it also appears that sportsmanship has taken a turn for the worse. We have one week before the post-season begins. Coaches NEED to abide by the guidelines they know they have. WE need to enforce it. This was an issue discussed at the mid-season meeting of district rules interpreters with the PIAA. We must address it when appropriate.

We also need to know that there will always be games to officiate, whether for the coach that receives a technical foul or someone else.....don't let a coach treat you OR your partner behind his/her back in a disrespectful manner.

Take care of business, do it fairly and consistently. Sometimes a stop sign is all a coach needs, sometimes they blow through it and sometimes they come to a rolling stop. The explosions are easy, they must be penalized.

Take a look at the clip today by clicking [here](#) and determine if this coach warranted an immediate penalty for what he did.....I say ABSOLUTELY.

Remember, be alive when the ball is dead and have a great game today.

Tim