

Good morning!

Substitutes and the player(s) leaving the game...what requirements are on them in regards to when they can leave or come back? Take a look at a play [here](#).

So white 34 gets injured and the coach decides to substitute immediately instead of taking a timeout or using 20-seconds to try to keep her in the game. The coach brings white 1 into the game and she shoots free throws that white 34 was entitled to. After the second free throw, white 12 is subbed out. Legal? YES!!!!

Rule 3.3.4 below addresses a player who *leaves* the game (as white 34 did).

ART. 4 . . . A player who has been replaced, or directed to leave the game shall not re-enter before the next opportunity to substitute after the clock has been started properly following the player's replacement.

The player replaced *must remain out of the game until the clock has properly started*. The same is NOT true for someone who enters as a player. There is nowhere in the rules that require a player to 'stay in the game until the clock has properly started.'

Great job here by the crew allowing white 12 into the game to shoot the free throws then get subbed back out! BTW, another crew (from D5/D6) with a junior official 'graduate'!

Friday extra: Marty Mauer made a great point in his 'Weekly Reminders' on January 5...timeouts may be for teams and coaches to relax, but NOT for us! When we have a dead ball, and especially during timeouts, we must be alive! Make sure we know team foul totals, score, how we will resume play, who has the throw-in and where, who is shooting free throws if we are, etc. Those topics quickly take up the first 15 or 45-seconds of a timeout!

Have a great game tonight!