

Good morning!

A great discussion 'play' today...volume UP...

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Hopefully you can hear the white #1 yelling 'ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR' as soon as the thrower receives the ball from the official. THIS is not appropriate. Yelling 'BALL, BALL, BALL' is annoying, yes, but not inappropriate! Yelling the count (to disorient the thrower (or the official), barking (yes, that is happening) or making other animal noises is inappropriate. Stop the game, give the player (or bench) a warning (verbal as least) and restart the throw-in.

For those asking about a rule supporting this...it is unsporting behavior.

Wednesday extra: When a player has blood on him/herself, we give 20 seconds to the bench to take care of it (get it cleaned off the uniform and/or the skin and covered). The procedure is 'coach, #44 has blood on his shorts and forearm, you have 20 seconds to get it taken care of to keep him in the game.' Then go to the timer and say 'give me 20-seconds and I need a horn 5-seconds from now then at the end of the 20-seconds.' If #44 is ready to come back by the end of the 20-seconds, #44 comes back and we play. If #44 is NOT ready *when the 20-second horn sounds*, go to the coach and say 'I need a sub immediately OR you can take a timeout to finish getting #44 cleaned up and if he is ready by the end of the timeout, he can stay in.' If #44 becomes ready as you are telling the coach this, the coach must take a TO or substitute for him. The opposing team may certainly 'huddle' with the coach as if it were a TO while the trainer is addressing #44, but they must break out for the throw-in immediately upon #44's return.

Have a great game tonight!