

Good morning!

One of those plays that we don't ever want in our own game. Take a look [here](#).

Sorry for the grainy video, I just cannot tell all the uniform numbers.

SO...we have a foul on red pushing white into the white bench. There are two players in red who appear foul the ball handler. The one with the long sleeve red undershirt obviously 2-handed pushed the ball handler. THIS foul can NOT be ignored as an intentional foul. It clearly has 1)windup, 2)contact and 3) follow through. We need 2 of the 2 for an intentional and this one has all three.

After the foul, the red with the long sleeve undershirt is obviously 'jawing' with multiple white players – white 50 from the bench first then white 5, who looks like he is trying to be a peace maker. We certainly need to consider a technical foul on red with the long sleeves.

In addition, we must enforce rule 10-4-7 (fighting). Although a fight did not happen, there are 'fighting' penalties for players leaving the bench – different rules for participating and not-participating – and for 'Bench personnel leaving the team bench during a fight or when a fight may break out.' (Rule 10 Penalty Summary 8b). In this case, a fight did not break out but could have. We had 3 players leave the white bench (50, 4 and a player in a black warmup shirt). Since no fight happened, they could not have participated in it. This goes to rule 10 Penalty Summary 8b1. Here it is:

B. Fighting:

- a. **Players on the court:**
 - (1) Corresponding number from each team – double flagrant fouls, all participants are disqualified, no free throws are awarded, ball is put in play at the point of interruption.
 - (2) Numbers of participants are not corresponding – Flagrant fouls and disqualification for all participants, two free throws are awarded for the offended team for each additional player, offended team awarded a division line throw in.
- b. **Bench personnel leaving the team bench during a fight or when a fight may break out:**
 - (1) Do NOT participate in the fight – nonparticipants are assessed flagrant fouls and disqualified. The head coach is assessed a maximum of one indirect technical foul (regardless of the number leaving the bench). If the number leaving the bench for each team is corresponding, no free throws are awarded, and the ball is put in play at the point of interruption. If the number leaving the bench for each team is unequal, a maximum of two free throws are awarded the offended team, followed by a division line throw-in opposite the table.
 - (2) Participate in the fight – all participants are assessed flagrant fouls and disqualified. The head coach is assessed one indirect technical foul for each person leaving the bench and participating in the fight. If the number leaving the bench for each team is corresponding, no free throws are awarded, and the ball is put in play at the point of interruption. If the number leaving the bench for each team is unequal, two free throws are awarded the offended team for each additional person leaving the bench, followed by a division line throw-in opposite the table.

OTE: All fouls (except an indirect technical foul charged to the head coach) count toward the team's foul count in the half.

So, each of the 3 white players from the bench are assessed flagrant technical fouls and disqualified (DQ paperwork must be turned in for each player). We will assume that no red players left the bench because we have no evidence any did. The head coach will receive ONE indirect technical foul in this case (since the players did not participate in a fight) and be required to sit the rest of the game. Red will shoot TWO free throws for the three white players leaving the bench. Remember that the white players ejected must either stay on the bench OR if they go to the locker room, an adult team member (coach) must accompany them and stay with them.

So what do we do to resume play from all of this? We would resume play in the order that everything happened, let's go. We start with the 2 free throws with nobody on the lane lines by white 20 who was intentionally fouled. (NO free throws will have players on the lane lines in this play since we will resume play with a division line throw-in opposite the table for red.) After the intentional free throws, if we assessed a T to the red player with long sleeves, ANY white (in the game or on the bench) would shoot 2 free throws. Lastly we would shoot 2 free throws by any red (in the game or on the bench) for the white players leaving the bench. We would add 2 fouls for the red team total (the intentional plus the T on red long sleeves) and add 3 fouls to the team total (one each for the players leaving the bench). We resume play with a division line throw-in opposite the table for red, since the last technical foul was against white.

Remember that when the head coach loses the coaching box privilege, an assistant does NOT gain the use of the coaching box!

The difference between participating and not participating by bench personnel is how many indirect technical fouls the head coach receives. IF all three white bench personnel had participated in a fight, the white head coach would have received 3 indirects and also been disqualified.

Monday extra: The above was plenty for a Monday morning, but make sure to take your time at the table. Ask the official scorer to write the names and number of each player assessed a flagrant on a piece of paper for you. Also, take your time to make sure the scorekeepers and timer have the correct team foul totals. Remember that all fouls *except indirect technical fouls charged to the head coach* get added to the team total. Indirect T's are the result of another T, so we do not add a 'double penalty' to the team total for the one act.