

Good morning!

The serious

If you saw Craig Bradley's New Year's edition of 'Craigs Call' then you saw a page about injured players and when the whistle should be blown for it. To summarize it:

- If we have a **HEAD** injury, the player is in **HARM'S WAY** or the injured player's team **HAS POSSESSION**, we **STOP THE GAME** for the injury.
- If the **OPPOSING TEAM HAS POSSESSION** and the injury is **NOT A HEAD** injury, we let a **FAST BREAK FINISH** with one shot, then **STOP THE GAME** for the injury.
- If the **OPPOSING TEAM HAS POSSESSION** and **NOT ATTEMPTING TO SCORE**, then **STOP THE GAME** for the injury.

In any stoppage for an injury:

- If a coach or trainer comes onto the floor, a substitution or timeout **is required**.
 - After the player is off the floor, go to the coach and say 'coach, we either need a substitute immediately OR you can take a timeout and if the injured player is ready to play by the end of the timeout, the player can stay on the game.'
 - The coach may use either a 30-second or a 60-second timeout.
- BE AWARE of concussion symptoms.
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Blood issues are the same procedure as injuries.

If in doubt, always err on the side of caution and for the injured player.

The not-so-serious

When a PARTNER goes to the floor, try to allow the play to finish and stop it when it makes sense to. For example.....I had great partner(s) for this!



The shooter's mom was actually taking pics and got it all....and she shooter also happens to be an excellent Jr official and came and helped the old man up after the whistle! My partner(s) were quick to find these photos and share them not only in our small group chat, but with 'friends' as well! Those 'friends' made sure to call and just laugh when I answered...and I think at least one is SILL laughing (thanks Jim)! It always is amazing how fast the 'ref line' moves! All is well, just the pride a little bruised!

Monday Extra: HAVE FUN!!!! The BEST reason to do this is to HAVE FUN!!!!

Monday Bonus: Be thankful for what we are able to do. We just had a 21 year-old 2nd year official pass away this weekend after an accident in early December. We just never know...please keep his family in your prayers and tell those you love just that -that you love them.

Tim