

Good morning!

The guardians of sportsmanship.....PIAA OFFICIALS! We are it!

Take a look at the an older clip [here](#) and a recent clip [here](#).

There are a couple issues to deal with here. The first issue is that the player who slammer the ball down is one of those players who has a reputation...a player who needs discussed in each pregame conference. Players like this have an extremely short leash for good reason. Secondly, allowing the type of behavior in both clips without a technical foul penalty tells both teams that the leash is long and a warning only may be given. Taking care of player actions is what we are there to do. There are consequences for actions and language. Third, sometimes the players 'beg' for a technical foul by making it extremely easy for us, like the flexing clip after the dunk.

We do not want to LOOK for actions to 'award' a technical foul, but we cannot ignore them when they do happen.

Similarly, we cannot ignore bad coach behavior. This may be the toughest thing we must do as an official – address behavior of a coach. Many coaches and officials have a good, friendly relationship and we may not WANT to address what they do, BUT....if their behavior towards us is inappropriate, address it.

If you are an experienced official and have a partner or partners who are less experienced or quite new, we need to be good role models and protectors of those partners. Without a doubt, the toughest call to make as a young official is to address coach behavior.

As Dave, Pat, Bob, Mark and the rest of the PIAA staff emphasize, **'The playing field is an extension of the classroom. If we wouldn't take an action from a student or give that action to our boss, it cannot be accepted on the playing field.'**

Friday Extra: When a timeout is requested after a foul call and before reporting it at the table, tell the coach or player requesting it that 'I will get your timeout right after I report the foul at the table.' Then, go report the foul then look at the coach or player to verify that they still want the timeout. If so, grant it, look to your partner(s) and tell them if it is a 60 or 30 second TYO and what we are doing to resume play (throw-in, free throws – and who the free throw shooter is).

Friday Bonus: When a technical foul is assessed, the calling official and at least one partner MUST talk BEFORE the foul is reported to the table. All information can be shared in regards to what happened and what resumption of play will look like. If the entire crew is talking, the teams need to be sent to their benches – hey can NOT be mingling with each other.

Have you made progress on 'Get just one' yet?

Have a great game tonight and a great weekend!

Tim