

The AR's Role in Managing the Benches

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- 1 State what the LOTG say about coaches, the technical area and team officials
- 2 State the authority given to the Referee and ARs regarding team officials
- 3 Define responsible and irresponsible behavior by coaches and team officials
- 4 Learn and demonstrate at least three techniques for managing coaches and team officials

Objectives

What Do the LOTG Say?



- 1 Coaches must behave “responsibly”
- 2 The Technical Area is defined
- 3 Coaches may sit or stand in their respective Technical Areas
- 4 Only 1 person may give instructions to the players at a time

What Do the LOTG Say?

- 1 Substitutes, team officials (trainer, assistant coaches, etc.) are subject to the authority of the Referee
- 2 Referees may “expel” team officials from the field and surrounding area

What Do the LOTG Say?

Defining Responsible Behavior



- Responsible behavior starts when the Referee team meets the coach and her or his staff
- Introductions are polite, professional and to the point (rules of competition, not much more)
- Responsible coaches don't say much, if anything to the Referee team
- An occasional reaction is normal human emotion and often considered responsible

Defining Responsible Behavior

- An occasional reaction is normal human emotion and often considered responsible
- Could even be loud and still be acceptable
- Distinguish anger at her/his players' versus anger directed at the Referee or AR

Defining Acceptable Behavior

Defining Irresponsible Behavior



- Irresponsible behavior is any behavior that is meant to:
 - Erode the authority of the Referee
 - Intimidate the Referee or ARs
 - Influence the outcome of the game
- Often involves “The Three Ps”
 - **PUBLIC**
 - **PERSONAL**
 - **PROVOCATIVE**
 - And sometimes **PERSISTENT**

Defining Irresponsible Behavior

- Leaving the Technical Area
- Entering the Field of Play
- Physical gestures
- Kicking things
- Talking to the Opponents or Opposing Coach
- Yelling at own players loudly, negatively, repeatedly, angrily
- Your examples?

Irresponsible Behavior—More examples

Techniques You Can Use



ASK, TELL, DISMISS VIDEO

- ARs should be empowered by the Referee
 - ARs can ASK to stop the irresponsible behavior
 - ARs can TELL
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- ARs can ask the Referee to DISMISS a coach or team official

ASK, TELL, DISMISS FOR THE AR

- Introduce yourself to the coaches
- Maintain concentration on the field
- Communicate with bench personnel in the same manner the Referee
- Use loud communication in front of the bench
- Know when the Referee is reaching the point of no return
- Get acknowledgment from the coach that she/he understands that she/he has been “Asked” or “Told”
- Provide enough space for the coach to “vent” without crossing the line

SELECTED TECHNIQUES FOR THE AR

- Use presence near the technical area
- Give equal time to both technical areas/coaches
- Find the peacemaker on the bench to help
- Use a well-placed smile
- Identify the person who will be dismissed
- Be a “sounding board” for the coach
- Consider the “public, personal, and provocative” and “persistent” guidelines before asking the Referee to pull the trigger

MORE TECHNIQUES FOR THE AR

- “I hear you” or “I understand you, coach”
- “I will talk to the Referee”
- “We will talk about it at half time”
- “Talk to me rather than shouting”
- “Coach, I understand you are upset but you need to calm down”
- “I can see you don’t agree with the call, but PLEASE – settle down”

THINGS YOU CAN SAY

- “The ref got it, give him a chance”
- “Where are you going”
- “The ref was there” or “He’s very close to it”
- “This is a game of angles; we have a different angle than he does”
- “If I have to call the referee over, you will be dismissed”

MORE THINGS YOU CAN SAY



VIDEO EXAMPLE #1

- Curse, use abusive or insulting language:
“Coach, shut up and sit down”
- Criticize the Referee: “I agree – he’s having a bad day”
- Attack or criticize the coach or his team
- Say what you would have done in that situation
- Make physical contact with bench personnel
- Issue threats unless you are ready to enter the “Dismiss” phase
- Use phrases that invite further debate or negative discussion

YOU CANNOT SAY



VIDEO EXAMPLE #2

- 1 SPLIT INTO THREES (3s)
- 2 EACH GROUP OF THREE SHOULD SOLVE THE CASE STUDIES
- 3 DISCUSS AND RECORD
 - Principles from the LOTG
 - Specific reasons(s) behavior is acceptable or irresponsible
 - Chosen techniques
- 4 BE PREPARED TO REPORT!

CLASSWORK

- ✓ What do the LOTG say about coaches, the technical area and team officials?
- ✓ What authority is given to the Referee and ARs regarding team officials?
- ✓ Give examples of responsible and irresponsible behavior by coaches and team officials
- ✓ State or demonstrate at least three techniques for managing coaches

SUMMARY



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Q & A

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!