

Basketball Coaching Box Q & A:

- Q1. Are the coaching box lines required to be on the court?
A1. Yes, the coaching box lines are required to be on the floor for all basketball games involving students in grades 7 – 12. The game shall not begin until the lines are properly marked.
- Q2. Is there a color and/or length requirement for the coaching box lines?
A2. Coaching box lines shall be 2-inches in width, are recommended to be a minimum of 3-feet in length, extending from the sideline away from the playing court, and may be any single solid color.
- Q3. Our school administration wants our head coach to remain seated and not utilize the coaching box. Do we still have to put the lines on the court?
A3. Yes, the coaching box lines are required to be on the floor for all basketball games involving students in grades 7 – 12. The game shall not begin until the lines are properly marked.
- Q4. Our basketball court is longer or shorter than the regulation 84-foot court. Where should we mark the coaching boxes?
A4. Measure from each end line 14-feet toward the scorer's bench and place one coaching box boundary line. Measure 14-feet from that line toward the scorer's bench and place the other coaching box boundary line.
- Q5. May the head coach squat or kneel within the coaching box?
A5. The head coach may squat within the coaching box but may not kneel. Coaches need to have both feet on the floor within the coaching box.
- Q6. The head coach is standing outside of the coaching box instructing his/her players. How should the game officials address this situation?
A6. One warning may be issued reminding the coach he/she must remain in the coaching box. Any subsequent infraction of this nature shall be penalized with a technical foul.
- Q7. The head coach is standing out of the coaching box questioning the judgment of or berating the officials. How should the game officials address this situation?
A7. A technical foul shall be issued without warning.
- Q8. The head coach of Team A sits on the opposite end of the bench from where the coaching box is located so that he/she is not sitting within the coaching box boundaries. The coach rises only when permitted by rule such as to request a timeout or to spontaneously react to an outstanding play. Is this permissible?
A8. Yes. The coach is not required to use the coaching box. However, if the coach begins the game by sitting somewhere other than where the coaching box is located, he/she may not use the coaching box privileges anytime during the game. The coach must begin the game in a position within the box if he/she wishes to stand when permitted under the coaching-box provisions.

- Q9. The head coach of Team A begins the game by standing within the coaching box. After a couple minutes the coach then proceeds to sit at the end of his/her team bench which is located six feet outside the coaching box nearer the scorer's table. Is this permissible?
- A9. No. If the coach begins the game within the coaching box, those provisions are in place for the entire game. The coach may not sit outside of the coaching box and then rise and walk to the coaching box in order to use the coaching box privileges. It is recommended that the end of the team bench nearest the scorer's table coincide with the 28-foot line of the coaching box.
- Q10. A team has co-head coaches. Are both coaches allowed to use the coaching box?
- A10. No. The coaches must designate to the game officials at the pregame conference which head coach will have coaching box privileges for the game.
- Q11. A technical foul is charged to: (a) a Team A substitute; (b) Team B's manager; (c) Team A's athletic trainer; or (d) Team B's assistant coach. In all cases, the foul is charged because of uncomplimentary remarks addressed to an official. What is the result?
- A11. The individuals in (a), (b), (c) and (d) are all considered to be bench personnel and have violated the rules governing conduct while on the "bench." A second technical charged to any of these individuals results in disqualification. In addition to charging a technical to the individuals in all cases, the technical foul is also charged indirectly to the head coach resulting in the loss of coaching-box privileges. A second technical foul charged directly, or the third technical foul (direct or indirect) charged to the head coach results in similar disqualification and ejection.