

Start of Season Notes

1. Spotting overlaps. Here is a great video to help you spot common problems:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1i98MAEVdE>

2. Rule decision reviews.

- a. A protest is called a rule decision review. The procedure is in the time out rule: 11-3. It starts with the head coach asking for a time out to review a non-judgement decision.
- b. If the team is correct, they keep the TO. If they are wrong, they lose it. If they already took 2 TOs and are wrong - point/loss of rally.
- c. Officials should confirm the coach is taking a time out for a rule review before pulling out the rule book. The official must get the head coach (not assistant) to commit to the review, understanding the potential penalty.
- d. Good verbiage: "Coach....you seem to disagree with my interpretation of the rule. Would you like to take a TO so we can open the rule book and check. If you are correct, you will not be charged the TO."

3. Assistant Coach Standing.

- a. One assistant may stand during dead balls only. The purpose is to facilitate coaching their team.
- b. Assistant coach communication with officials have not changed due to this additional privilege. Rule 12-2-6.a. lists the administrative questions the assistant coach can ask when interacting with officials.

4. Knee pads, arm sleeves and socks. Casebook article 4.2.1 Situation H specifies these items are not part of the uniform and do not need to match.

5. Artificial Noisemakers. Rule 1-8 only allows music/sound effects during warmups, timeouts and between sets. Artificial noisemakers are not permitted.

6. Unless a medical necessity exists, please tuck in your shirt.

7. New this season – Sportsmanship Experience. Please fill out the web form for public school contests. As I filled out the form, I found you must fill it out twice. Once for the home team. Once for the visitors. The form is very quick to fill out unless you have significant comments.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7cbb29ba5c264276bc87a1f16dcb350a>