

*The “coaching box” shall be marked outside the side of the court on which the scorer’s and timer’s table and team benches are located. The area shall be marked 14 feet up from the endline, and then an additional 14 feet from that line, another line shall be marked. The farthest line being marked 28 feet from the endline. All lines shall be 2 inches wide and recommended same or similar color to the boundary lines, but not mandatory. **“Coaching Box” area is 14 feet wide.** An “X” 12 inches long and 2 inches wide shall be placed on the floor out of bounds directly in front of the official scorer to help substitutes with the proper location to check into the game. The committee wants coaches to stay in the coaching box. It is a distinct advantage to the coach who is permitted to be out of the box, because the coach has an enhanced position and opportunity to communicate with his/her team. **The rule is black-and-white**, but has not been dealt with properly by officials. The fact that the coach is not directing comments to the officials or is “coaching his/her team” has no bearing on the enforcement of the rule. **Officials have been instructed to address, warn, and then penalize coaches who are in violation the coaching box rule.***

Once the coaching box privileges have been loss because of a technical foul, all related rules restrictions must apply. There is no way for a coach to regain his/her privileges. Specifically, the head coach has loss his/her privilege to remain standing in the coaching box for the remainder of that game; he/she must remain seated. If not, the penalty is a “direct” technical foul assessed to the head coach.

*In addition, a major concern and **“Point of Emphasis”** of the National Federation of High Schools for the 2007-2008 basketball season is **“Uniforms”**. Substitutes who are not properly dressed, i.e. jersey tucked-in, short worn above hips, jewelry, etc., will not be allowed into the game at that time. They will be allowed into the game at the next opportunity for a substitute, if when they are properly dressed.*