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Definition

- Appropriate conduct and sportsmanlike **behaviour** on the floor and bench

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Coach Communication & Conduct

- A coach shall address the officials in a business-like manner
- A coach should not expect the officials to "explain" their calls throughout the game
- A technical foul is to be treated and administered like any other foul
- A head coach is not to enter the playing area and must remain in the team bench area during the game
- Officials must understand their role as communicators

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Bench Conduct - Assistant coaches

- Assistant coaches are not to remain standing or address the officials in a disrespectful manner
- Officials will address this issue with the head coach, request assistance and expect cooperation
- Officials should make every effort to avoid penalizing any such infraction prior to warning the head coach but there may be circumstances where a warning is not applicable

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Bench Conduct - Players and Team followers

- Players on the bench and team followers are not to remain standing or address the officials in a disrespectful manner
- Officials will direct the players to sit down, address the issue with the head coach, request assistance in preventing it from reoccurring and expect cooperation
- Officials should make every effort to avoid penalizing any such infraction prior to warning the head coach but there may be circumstances where a warning is not applicable

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Player Communication

- Should a player need to speak to an official, it must be done in a respectful manner
- Should an official need to speak to a player, it shall be done in a respectful manner regardless of the reason for the communication (i.e. simple request, warning)
- Officials may warn a player to prevent a technical foul and will attempt to advise the head coach of such a warning, but there may be circumstances where a warning is not applicable and a technical foul must be called

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Player to Player Communication

- Taunting, baiting and "trash-talking" will not be permitted under any circumstance and will result in a technical foul

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Communication with the Table

- Coaches and assistant coaches may approach the minor officials at the table
- Officials and coaches must remember that the table officials and volunteers, and must be addressed in a respectful manner

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Flopping

- FIBA Rules specifically address the issue of flopping in the Technical Foul Article
- The head coach of the offending team will also be warned that the next "flop" by their team will result in a technical foul
- The warning will be issued in the first dead ball period following the inappropriate conduct and applies only to the offending team

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Fighting

- Substitutes or team followers who leave the team bench area during a fight, or any situation that may lead to a fight (i.e. physical or verbal confrontations on the court), shall be disqualified
- Coaches and officials must make every effort to prevent players from leaving the bench area during this emotional time

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Timeouts

- A timeout must be clearly requested by the head/assistant coach to the table and cancelled prior to the horn sounding
- All players are to remain at the bench during the time-out until the horn has sounded to end the time out period

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Substitutions

- Substitutes are to report to the scorer and be seated at the table and ready to play
- Players are not to enter the court until they have been beckoned on to the floor by an official
