



## **OFFICIALS' GUIDELINES FOR ENFORCING BENCH DECORUM**

Coaches and/or other bench personnel who engage in the following actions are in violation of the bench decorum rules and should be assessed a technical foul:

1. Questioning the integrity of an official by words or gestures (**NO WARNING**).
2. Physically charging toward an official (**NO WARNING**).
3. Personal, vulgar or profane remarks or gestures toward an official. (**NO WARNING**).
4. Excessive demonstration of officiating signals (traveling, holding, verticality, etc.) or excessive demonstration by use of gestures of actions that indicates displeasure with the officiating. [If not excessive, a warning should be given to keep it from becoming excessive.]
5. Continuous verbal remarks to officials voicing displeasure concerning the officiating. (A warning could be given initially to keep it from becoming continuous.)
6. Using disrespectful or unsportsmanlike word, gesture, or actions toward an opposing player or coach.
7. Leaving the coaching box. (The spirit and intent of the rule should be a guiding factor for inadvertent violations which should be called to the attention of the violator and immediately corrected.)

**Coaches: If you have a complaint, bring it to the supervisor of officials or to the commissioner.** Berating in the press or on radio or TV is against the Conference Sportsmanship rules and will result in disciplinary action from the DAC office.