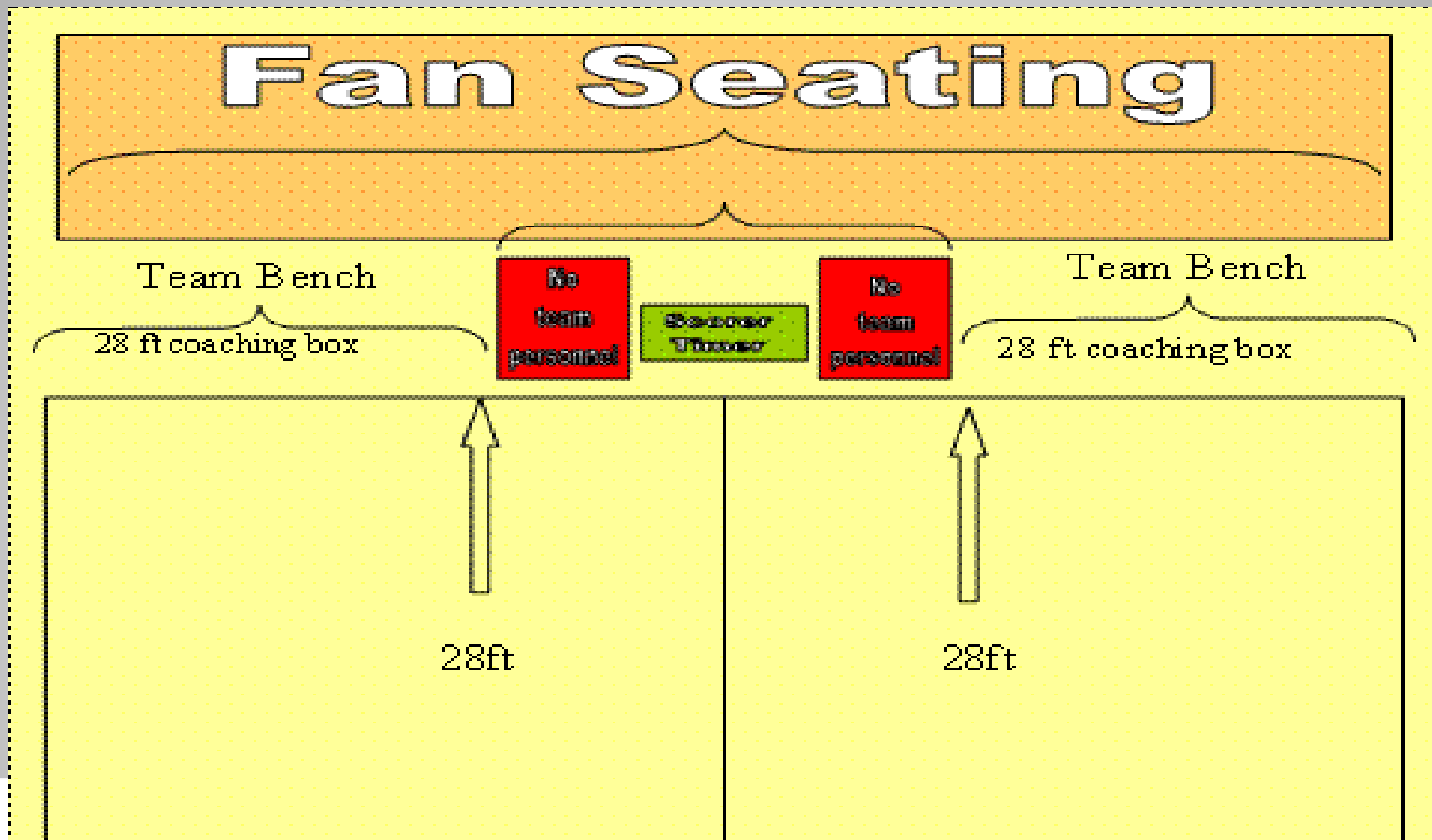


**Basketball Coaching
Box and Bench
Decorum
Emphasis**



GHSA COACHING BOX

The GHSA Coaching Box starts at the end line and extends 28' toward the division line. Team personnel are not allowed to stand nor sit beyond that 28' line.



Bench Decorum – Head Coach

Communication Expectations

- Game officials should be addressed in a respectful and conversational manner
- It is important to understand the difference between “communication and confrontation”
- Game officials are not required to “explain” their calls throughout the game
- In the event of a technical foul, administer the warranted penalties and put the ball back in play as soon as possible
- The head coach is responsible for the actions of the individuals occupying a place on the bench
- The role of the game officials is to administer the rules of the game and manage the game in a professional manner

Bench Decorum – Ass't. Coaches

The Role of An Assistant

- Assistant coaches are not allowed to stand during live ball play
- The head coach is accountable for the actions of assistant coaches and may be subject to penalty for their actions
- Game officials shall refrain from communicating with assistant coaches during the game
- Assistant coaches may leave the bench area to assist in a fight situation (restrain your own players)
- Officials may give access a warning to the head coach and have it listed in the official scorebook. Assistant coaches or other bench personnel are not given this privilege.

Other Bench Personnel

Players & Team Essential Personnel

- Players and Team Essential Personnel are not allowed to stand during live ball play
- Game officials will direct the players to sit down, and request the coaching staff to assist in preventing it from reoccurring
- All “bench technical fouls” are also assessed to the head coach
- Players on the bench are not allowed to enter the court at any time unless entering the court as a player
- Players entering the court or spectator area if the event of a fight or potential fight shall be ejected and the respective school assessed a fine

Additional Communication Issues

Player Communication

- Should a player need to speak to an official, it must be done in a respectful manner
- Game officials shall address players in a professional manner
- If a player on the court has a concern it should be presented to the game officials by the team captain, and at the appropriate time during the game
- Game officials may verbally warn a player to prevent a technical foul, and advise the head coach and crew members of such a warning
- Players shall not taunt nor make disrespectful gestures toward an opponent

Other Communication Issues

Table Staff Communication

- The table staff are part of the official game crew (official scorekeeper, timer, scoreboard operator)
- The head coach may approach the table to inquire about a “correctable error” situation, or enquire about remaining timeouts
- The P/A announcer shall conduct themselves according to GHSA policy
- Game officials and coaches must remember that the table officials and workers must always be addressed in a respectful manner

Other Decorum Issues

- Indirect Technical to Head Coach = Loss of Coaching Box
- Direct Technical to Head Coach = Loss of Coaching Box
- Combination of any (3) technical fouls = Ejection
- Warning per Rule 4-48 – Shall be recorded in the official scorebook
- Indirect or Direct Charged to Coach = Loss of warning as option for bench personnel
- At the request of a game official the host school Game Administrator shall remove an unruly spectator from the arena