

Example 1:

Coach A requests a time-out after which B4 commits his fifth foul.

Interpretation:

The time-out opportunity shall not begin until all communication with the scorer's table relative to that foul has been completed and a substitute for B4 has become a player.

Example 2:

Coach A requests a time-out after which any player commits a foul.

Interpretation:

Teams shall be permitted to go to their benches if they are aware that a time-out has been requested, even though that time-out period has not formally begun.

Statement 5

If the officials discover that more than five (5) players of the same team are participating on the playing court simultaneously, the error must be corrected as soon as possible without placing the opponents at a disadvantage.

Assuming that the officials and the table officials are doing their job correctly, one (1) player must have re-entered or remained on the playing court illegally. The officials must therefore order one (1) player to leave the playing court immediately and charge a technical foul against the coach of that team, recorded as 'B'. The coach is responsible for ensuring that a substitution is applied correctly and that the substituted player leaves the playing court immediately after the substitution.

Example:

While the game is being played it is discovered that team A has more than five (5) players on the playing court.

- (a) At the time of the discovery, team B (with 5 players) is in control of the ball.
- (b) At the time of the discovery, team A (with more than 5 players) is in control of the ball.

Interpretation:

- (a) The game shall be stopped immediately unless team B is placed at a disadvantage.
- (b) The game shall be stopped immediately.

In both cases the player who has re-entered (or remained in) the game illegally must be removed from the game and a technical foul shall be charged against coach A, recorded as 'B'.

Statement 6

After it is discovered that team A is participating with more than five (5) players, it is also discovered that points have been scored or a foul has been committed by player A5 while participating illegally. All such points shall remain valid and any foul(s) committed by (or against) that player shall qualify as player fouls.

Example:

The officials realise A5 is the team A sixth player on the playing court and interrupt the game after:

- (a) A5's offensive foul is called.
- (b) A5's field goal is scored.
- (c) B5 has fouled A5 during his unsuccessful shot for a field goal.

Interpretation:

- (a) A5's foul is a player foul.
- (b) A5's field goal shall count.
- (c) Any team A player on the playing court at the time when the foul has been called shall attempt free throws.