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If the team entitled to the throw-in does not make that player available when directed to do so, the following **RESUMPTION OF PLAY PROCEDURES** should be instituted immediately

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- Although not absolutely necessary but commonly practiced by veteran officials, the other crew member(s) or whomever is closest to the bench area to **VERBALLY ENCOURAGE** the teams to break their huddles by saying something like ...
"White ball, time-out is over, no substitutes, we're ready to play, let's hustle

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- If Team A, which is entitled to the throw-in, delays their return ... the ball shall be **PLACED on the FLOOR** and the five second count started. This Team A may quickly respond, hustle out to the floor, and pick-up the ball and complete the throw-in legally within the prescribed five second limit.

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- If Team A does **NOT RETURN** and the official reaches the end of the five second count, a **VIOLATION** shall be ruled and the ball awarded to Team B at this same spot.

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- Once **EITHER** team **VIOLATES** utilizing this procedure, **ANY SUBSEQUENT** delays when authorized to make a throw-in by that team shall result in an immediate team **TECHNICAL FOUL**.

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- Once the ball is at the disposal of the free thrower... "NO PLAYER SHALL ENTER OR LEAVE A MARKED LANE SPACE OR ENTER OR LEAVE THE FREE THROW SEMI-CIRCLE." If this occurs... a violation shall be called The ONLY way for team A to avoid a violation in this situation, is to request and BE granted a time – out.

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