



"Making A Difference In The Game"

# CENTRAL CONNECTICUT BOARD #6 of Approved Basketball Officials

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## FIGHTING - RULE & PENALTIES

Fighting is a flagrant act and can occur when the ball is dead or live. Fighting includes, but is not limited to acts such as:

- An attempt to strike, punch or kick an opponent with a fist, hands, arms, leg or feet regardless of whether contact is made.
- An attempt to instigate a fight by committing unsporting acts toward an opponent that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting.

### PLAYERS IN FIGHT:

If A1 and B1 fight during a live or dead ball, they are charged with flagrant technical fouls and disqualified from the game. There are no free throws since this is a double foul. Charge each team with one foul toward the bonus and use the alternating possession arrow to resume play unless there is player/team control.

### BENCH PERSONNEL:

#### a. Leave Bench and Participate in Fight

If a player (or players) leaves the bench during a fight and **participates in the fight** that player (or players) is charged with a flagrant technical foul and is disqualified. The head coach is charged with **an indirect foul for each player** who participates in the fight and is disqualified. A team foul is charged for each disqualified player. If the same number of bench personnel leave the bench, there will be no free throws.

#### b. Leave Bench and Do Not Participate in Fight

If a player (or players) leaves the bench during a fight or when a fight may break out and **do not fight**, they are charged with a flagrant technical foul and disqualified. The head coach is charged with **ONE indirect foul** regardless of the number of offenders. A team foul is charged for each disqualified player.

### SITUATIONS

**Play #1** - Bench personnel A1, A2 and B1, B2 leave the bench during a fight and only B2 gets into the fight.

#### **Ruling #1** -

- A1, A2, B1, B2 are charged with flagrant technical fouls and disqualified.
- Team A head coach is charged with one indirect technical foul for A1 and A2 leaving the bench.
- Team B head coach is charged with two indirect technical fouls - one for B1 and B2 leaving the bench and one for B2 fighting.
- Team B and Team A are assessed two team fouls each.
- No free throws



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- Resume play with throw-in via alternating possession arrow if no player/team control.

**Play #2** – A1,A2, A3 and B1,B2,B3 leave the bench and participate in the fight.

**Ruling #2** –

- A1,A2, A3,B1,B2,B3 are charged with a flagrant technical foul and disqualified.
- Team A and Team B head coaches are charged with three indirect technical fouls and disqualified and must leave playing court.
- No free throws are awarded.
- Team A and Team B are each assessed three team fouls
- Resume play via throw-in by team with alternating possession arrow if no player/team control.

## Reminders

**For Players** - Any player(s) who leaves the bench, no matter if they fight or not, are **ejected to the bench area, not the locker room**. This is a flagrant technical foul on the player(s) and a team foul(s) towards the team total. Example – 3 players leave bench and fight/do not fight. Ruling – 3 player ejections and 3 team fouls.

**For Coach** – if no fighting by bench personnel; there is only 1 indirect technical foul assessed to coach regardless how many players leave bench and do not fight. Example – 3 players leave bench but do not fight. Ruling – 3 players ejected, 3 team fouls, 1 indirect technical to coach. There is no team foul associated with the indirect technical foul.

**For Coach** – if fighting by bench personnel; there is an indirect technical foul assessed to coach for EACH player that fights. Example – 3 players leave bench and fight. Ruling – 3 players ejected, 3 team fouls, 3 indirect technical fouls to coach resulting in coach ejection. There are no team fouls associated with the indirect technical foul.

## Coaches –

- if head coach leaves bench to help stop the fight, ***you beckoned*** head coach;
- if assistant coach(es) leaves the bench, they are charged with a flagrant technical foul and disqualified.
- the head coach is assessed an indirect technical foul for every flagrant foul assessed to an assistant coach(es).



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## Officials

- get the numbers of the fighters
- be consistent and realistic about your definition for "leaving the bench"
- do not get physical with the players/coaches
- get together with your partner to review the situation and your decision(s)
- talk to both coaches
- insure that the scorers include your decisions in the scorebook
- report to your assignment commissioner