



California Rule Modifications

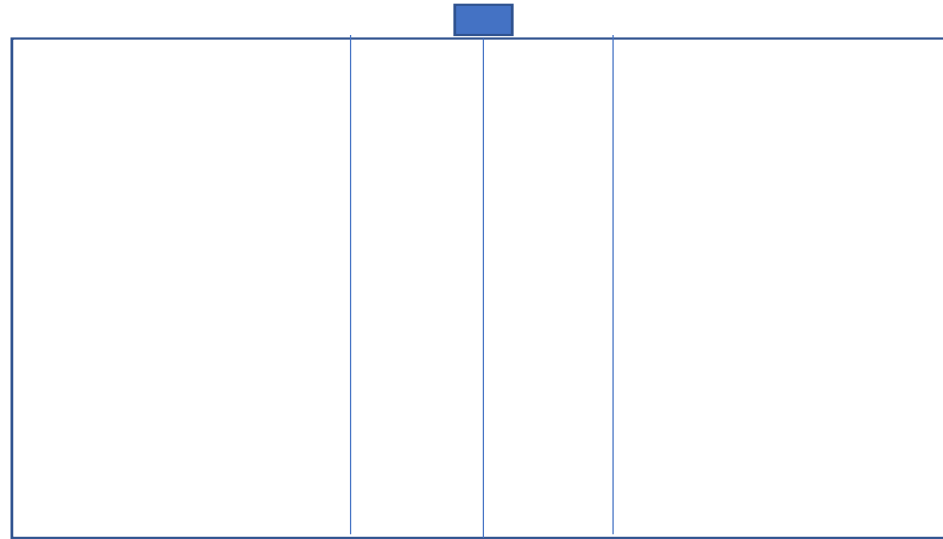
as of 8/6/2019

- 2nd referee does not use red/yellow cards or lineup card
- Referees do not sign or initial scoresheets. The score is official when the referees visually confirm the score.
- Warning whistle between sets is 30 seconds before the end of the intermission.
- Players may stand in the warmup area during the match.



Bleachers

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Non-playable/Alt. Warm-up area

Benches

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California Point of Emphasis

Sportsmanship and Unsporting Conduct

Unsporting Conduct

Rules 12-2-8 and 12-2-9

- Using disconcerting acts or words when an opponent is about to play the ball.
- Attempting to influence a decision by a referee.
- Disrespectfully addressing a referee and/or other match officials.
- Questioning a referee's judgment.
- Showing disgust with referees' decisions.

When a coach or player displays unsporting conduct:

- Use warnings (only one per coach or player) if appropriate.
- Use cards if the behavior continues.
- Do not allow potential penalties to dissuade you from giving a card when the behavior requires it.

Examples of Unsporting Conduct

- Using profanity in any context.
- Showing disgust with a call through hand gestures.
- Using signals to indicate a missed judgment call (double, illegal hit, etc.)
- Continued arguing after an explanation has been given.

Why is it important?

- Sets the tone for the match and for future matches.
- If we deal with the coaches and players, others involved in the contest will see appropriate behavior and follow the example.
- Officials will be more likely to stay in the profession.

According to a survey by NASO, 70% of officials quit the profession within 3 years of starting. The majority of those who quit state that their reason for quitting was abusive behavior by coaches and fans.