



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Mechanics Adjustment: Benches Opposite Scorer's/Timer's Table

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The mechanics committee would like to provide guidance for officiating games where the layout includes the scorer's/timer's table on the opposite side of the court as the team benches. The following addresses situations related to this court configuration:

1. Officials should observe the court layout upon arrival to the game site, noting the setup and any changes to the logistics and to confirm that all of the proper court markings are in place. Officials should pregame and plan for necessary adjustments, including conversations with the clock operator.
2. During pregame warm-ups, officials will continue to stand opposite the scorer's table. This will facilitate keeping officials away from non-tier one personnel. Officials should adjust their location as needed, keeping physical distancing and participant safety as a priority.
3. When reporting fouls, the mechanics will continue to remain unchanged as noted in 2020-21 CCA Mechanics Manual 3.4.2 Fouls (page 110). In the front court, the calling official will continue to remain table side. It is permissive on an occasion for a calling official to report the foul and switch to the bench side to facilitate communication with a coach.
4. In situations involving substitutes after the last made free throw (3.4.5.E), the new lead will continue to recognize the subs and blow the whistle, passing responsibility to the C official. All officials and the clock operator should establish the habit of checking for substitutes during dead ball.
5. During timeouts, the officials non-administering should continue to face the team benches to monitor for substitutions. Officials should have an awareness of the table crew as they may need assistance during the timeout.
6. During replay review, the official who is not at the replay monitor should be facing the team benches to monitor activity and to ensure that no substitutions take place.