

Coaching

A player is allowed to receive coaching from a fellow teammate who has been designated as the coach prior to the start of match. Only one coach may be designated for each player and may not be changed during that match unless approved by the opposing team. The player or team coach for each team is entitled to call (1) "time-out" per game, lasting no more than one-minute. Once a time out has been called, both players can communicate with their coach during that time out. Players that are a 6.9 and lower handicap, receive two (2) one (1) minute time outs. The coach cannot approach the table except during an official time out.

If a time out is called or inferred by either the coach or player, a timeout must be taken and the player is still charged with the timeout. If no time outs are available to that player the first offense will be a verbal warning the second offense will be a ball-in hand foul. The third offense will be a loss of game. The fourth is loss of match.

During a time-out, the coach may not disrupt any balls on the table or mark the playing area of the table. Doing so constitutes a foul and the opponent is entitled to cue ball-in-hand. In a ball in hand situation the coach may not place the cue ball, if he/she does it is a foul and ball in hand to the opponent. The coach may not use a cue stick or any other object other than their hand to line the shot up for their player. The coach must leave the table prior to the execution of the shot. The first offense, should either of these instances happen, is a verbal warning. The second and subsequent is a ball in hand foul. After the time-out, coaches must cease communication with their players, and the player must execute his or her shot

Only the Player or Coach can ask the opposing team if they have any time outs remaining.

If the coach disrupts the balls, moves the balls, or marks the table in any way, it is ball-in-hand to the player's opponent. If the coach touches the table it is not a foul. To avoid controversy, the coach should avoid touching the felt.

Interference and "Side-Line" Coaching

Any person, who interferes with the course of the match by offering advice, distracting a player or otherwise disturbing play, can subject their player to a foul. In this instance, the match referee, if one is available, or opposing captain must warn the individual involved and that player's Team Captain/Coach. After the warning, any reoccurrence of the offensive behavior results in a ball in hand foul to your opponent. A second occurrence will result in loss of game for your teammate. A third violation will result in loss of match for your team.

Anyone on the team can announce to a player of a rules infraction. As a team player on the sideline, we encourage you to support your player. However, you are responsible to do so in a sportsmanlike manner.