

Kicked out of the Gym

What is the point to distill from all of this? This fellow did not dispute his ejection from the game on a retaliatory act but was insensed that he was ejected from the gym when he feels he said very little back to the official about it. He went on and on about the situation from every angle. Very verbal about it. Somehow needed to talk about sport with someone who had a perspective and cared. I think. He appears angry most times when he comes down with a rebound. He is aware of it. He thinks it presents a problem with the officials as it could bias them against him but it helps intimidate opponents etc. He does not complain regularly on the floor but does carry this attitude. Official was at fault for losing his head and not explaining his actions and ejecting from a gym without a second technical. Pressures on an official build up during a game and explode out in this situation sometimes. The primary thing for the official to learn is that you can not say things like, "shut up" to a player. The bottom line is players know that officials are out of bounds by talking to them that way. It is not acceptable, they have other resources outside of this type of talk to players..

I met with two people yesterday and was to meet with a third. Soccer ejection for a goalie who threw a ball at an opponent and then used racially overtone language after the game to the official - go back to where you came from etc.

Met with a football player who could not understand why he was tossed out of the game though he had had 2-3 penalties already but maintains they were different from the act that threw him out etc. First year Med student that clearly comes from a past of high competitiveness.

The problem is just accelerating. I speak of this in the article on Sports Ratings etc. in the NIRSA Journal.