



Extraordinary cases for game interruption requests and eventual consequences



Case 1

The 1st referee whistled for service then a substitute player entered to substitution zone, approaching the sideline. The scorer did not push the buzzer, believing the rally had started. The game did not stop, and the starting player did not go to the substitution place.

Referees' action

Reject the substitution request;
do not stop the game

Player action/ actions

Returns to bench

Consequences

Improper request,
record X in the scoresheet
after the rally

Case 2

The 1st referee whistled for service and the substitute player realizing he was late did not enter the substitution zone, but the scorer pushed the buzzer anyway. The game did not stop, and the starting player did not go to the substitution place.

Referees' action

Do not stop the game – buzzer does not stop the game!

Player action/ actions

Remains at bench

Consequences

Since there was no request, this cannot be considered as an improper request. No action to be taken.

Case 3

The 1st referee whistled for service and the substitute player, realizing he was late, did not enter the substitution zone, but the scorer pushed the buzzer. This time the game was stopped, and the starting player moved towards the substitution place

Referees' action

Stop the game, order a replay

Player action/ actions

Remains at bench

Consequences

There was no request and substituting team has stopped the game due to scorer's mistake. In such situation the team cannot be sanctioned.



Case 4

The 1st referee whistled for service and a coach pushed the buzzer for TO but gave no hand signal. The game was not stopped.

Referees' action

Do not stop the game

Player action/ actions

No TO awarded.

Consequences

There was no request, because the game was not stopped. There was neither improper request, nor delay

Case 5

The 1st referee whistled for service and a coach pushed the buzzer for TO but gave no hand signal. The game was stopped, however, because **players started to leave the court.**

Referees' action

Stop the game, record the sanction/ warning for delay, indicate a replay.

Player action/ actions

No TO awarded.

Consequences

Although there was no request, since the game was stopped, we consider this as a DELAY. Show the appropriate card and record this in the score sheet



Case 6

The 1st referee whistled for service and a coach pushed the buzzer for TO and used the official hand signal. The game was not stopped.

Referees' action

Do not stop the game

Player action/ actions

No TO granted

consequences

This is an improper request, since after the 1st Referee's whistle. Record X in the scoresheet after the rally

Case 7

The 1st referee whistled for service and a coach pushed the buzzer for TO and used the official hand signal. The game was stopped, because players started to leave the court. (Compare with case 5)

Referees' action

Stop the game, reject the TO request, make/ record the sanction, direct replay

Player action/ actions

No TO granted

Consequences

Although an improper request was made, because the game was actually stopped, consider this as a DELAY, show the appropriate card and record in the scoresheet