



International Taekwon-Do Federation
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1 COACHES – Request to Stop a Match for Administrative Reasons:

Occasionally during a match, a unique situation may occur that could have a major effect on the continuation or outcome of the match. Normally, an Official Protest is the correct way to address perceived anomalies in matches. However, specific situations may arise that must be addressed immediately, and for which an Official Protest would be too late to resolve the issue fairly.

In the situations noted below — and only in these situations — the coach may interject during the match in play, resulting in a stoppage of match time, in order to resolve the situation before it develops into a greater problem.

When one of the listed situations occurs, the ringside coach of the competitor in play may, politely and calmly, stand in front of their chair and raise their hand. This action indicates to the Jury Table / Jury President that there is a situation requiring the Jury President’s attention and a stoppage of the match and match time.

Standing calmly in front of the chair and raising the hand is the **ONLY** acceptable method of gaining the Jury Table’s attention and stopping the match. This action indicates to the Jury Table / Jury President that an administrative or procedural error may exist that needs to be addressed.

ONLY one of the two ringside coaches involved in the match may take this action. for breaks during sparring.

The following are the ONLY situations in which it is appropriate, acceptable and allowable for a coach to stand and interject during the match in play:

1.	A “Warning” or “Foul” was assigned to a competitor by the Centre Referee, and that same “Warning” or “Foul” was not recorded on the Jury Table computer and subsequently not displayed on the Ring Score Display.
2.	A “Warning” or “Foul” was assigned to a competitor by the Centre Referee, and that same “Warning” or “Foul” was recorded for the wrong competitor and subsequently displayed on the Ring Score Display for the wrong competitor.
3.	The Centre Referee called for a time stoppage (“Jung Ji”), and the official ring time, as displayed on the Ring Score Display, did not stop; or the Centre Referee initiated the continuation of the match and the official ring time failed to restart.
4.	The ringside coach of one of the competitors wishes to withdraw their competitor from the current match. The coach also can throw the towel into the ring if needed.
5.	An obvious and serious medical or health issue arises that requires the match to be stopped.

These are the **ONLY** situations in which a coach may stand and interject during the match in play. **ALL** other concerns shall be addressed via the Official Protest Procedure.

Any coach who stands or otherwise interjects during the match in play for any other reason, makes any attempt to interfere with or manipulate the match, or acts in an unprofessional manner **WILL** be removed from the match.

Coaches shall follow the noted procedure and shall not yell, scream, jump up and down, wave their arms, step into the ring, or take any other action. Coaches who violate these rules WILL be removed from the match.

2 Time Out in Sparring Competition:

2.1 Direct Timeout

The center referee shows the sign for timeout, the IT-umpire clicks on the button “direct timeout” and the time stops immediately.

At the same time, the clock changes color from yellow to grey

2.2 Delayed Timeout

The center referee stops the match with the command of hechyo.

The IT-umpire click immediately the button “delayed timeout”.

The clock continues to run, but the color change from yellow to red.

The center referee will do his action and give the command of gesok.

The IT-umpire click immediately the button “time start”.

The clock continues to run, but the color change from red to yellow.

However, if more than 4 seconds elapse between the hechyo and gesok commands, the clock automatically stops after 4 seconds, and the color will change to gray.

The clock starts again as soon the center referee gives the command gesok and the IT-umpire click the button “time start”.

This ensures a fair and consistent maximum duration for breaks during sparring.

3 Team positioning in team sparring:

During team sparring, all team members who are not fighting sit to the right of the coach.

Those who have not yet fought keep their headgear on, while those who have already fought take it off.