



To: Referees Officiating WPS Matches

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Several venues for matches played in the WPS professional league have signage which cuts through the technical areas, in effect dividing these areas into two parts and acting as a wall between the team bench and the top of the technical area.

Referees, assistant referees, and fourth officials must remember in such cases that team officials are permitted to be in the part of the technical area in front of the signage. There is no requirement that, having moved to be in front of the signage while staying in the technical area, the team official must then return to the bench behind the signage.

Irresponsible behavior by anyone in the technical area, regardless of the location of the sign boards, must not be tolerated. Please refer to the paper "Management of Behavior in the Technical Area" which can be found under Position Papers at ussoccer.com (Behavior in the Technical Area - added 1/12/07).