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**Memo**

The play that probably causes the most concern among coaches and officials is "Timer On". To be consistent in the application of the call, it is necessary to watch the pace of play established by both teams throughout the game. While it may vary from time to time throughout the game, it is something you need to be very aware of. There is no point in the game where you have to put the "Timer On" warning on a team, example being towards the end of any period. Teams are very likely to make adjustments in both their offenses and defenses throughout the game in attempts to react to their opponents strategy. There is no magical clock time when "Timer On" should be imposed. As an example, if a team gains possession of the ball in their defensive half of the field and advances the ball across the center line and while doing so changes a midfield, they might take a little longer than if there were no substitution. If they continue to play in a normal fashion a "Timer On" call would not be necessary. If the defensive team changes its play causing the offensive team to adjust that should, in all probability, not require a "Timer On" call. You have to be very careful in initiating your original "Timer On" call in each game because once you put it on you then have to do it each time the same offensive play is used. The time remaining in a period has nothing to do with the "Timer On" call. It is conceivable that if both teams are playing at the same pace the entire game you might never have to make a "Timer On" call. The "Timer On" call is really designed to help establish the pace of play and continue it throughout the game.

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