



BASKETBALL BALLARAT

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TECHNICAL FOUL (BEHAVIOURAL) POLICY

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity for enjoyment and health, and where it is our desire to provide a safe competitive environment for all participants. In essence the health of our game is dependent on our ability to nurture and development of game officials.

All persons must conduct themselves in a proper and reasonable manner in accordance with Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct. In particular there will be a **zero-tolerance policy** towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from participants towards officials.

Any player or coach who breaches the Code of Conduct with actions such as, but not limited to:

- Persistently or wilfully questions/challenges the rulings of referees,
- Berates or abuses referees,
- Audible offensive language or
- Harassment of referees, will be subject to the following policy.

A technical foul for non-behavioural matter **will not** come under this policy.

Technical Foul Policy

During Games - Sin Bin

Players and Coaches in all grades of competition who receives a technical foul (behaviour focused) are required to sit out and take no part in the game for a period of five (5) minutes.

Should this player/coach receive two (2) technical fouls they are disqualified from the game and **MUST** immediately leave the viewing area of the game.

Post Games

A player or coach will then also be subject to the following:

Step 1: First incident*	Warning letter
Step 2: Second incident*	Automatic 2 week suspension **
Step 3: Third incident*	Automatic 4 week suspension **
Step 4: Fourth incident*	Automatic 4 week suspension **



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Any participant who reaches step 4 will also be referred to CEO for removal of membership or banned from future registration.

* Incidents can be defined as per game, rather than per technical foul and can include technical fouls, disqualifying fouls.

** Date of suspension start immediately and includes all games they are involved in (coaching, playing, etc). The suspension period is inclusive of any breaks, final periods or holidays.

Notification of Technical Fouls

An email will be sent by the basketball department to both the player and their team delegate after each incident.

- For club based teams this will be the designated club contact
- For independent senior teams, appointed team contact

Technical Foul Policy and Tribunals

The process described above does not preclude the possibility of any player/coach being reported directly to the tribunal using existing systems. The technical foul policy is as per BBA policy, and is separate to that of tribunals ran under Basketball Victoria as their governing body.

Appeals

Participants who receive a behavioural technical foul have the right to appeal to the Technical Officials Committee (TOC) for a review of their technical foul within 36 hours of the email notification.

The Appeal must be lodged in writing to the TOC (ballarattoc@gmail.com) and include significant additional or new evidence. Any suspension will stand until the request for review has been actioned.

More information on technical fouls can be found at:

<https://basketballvictoria.com.au/basketball-victoria-rule-changes/>