

FRANKSTON BASKETBALL

Participant Behaviour Policy

1. Overview

The FDBA is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants in our domestic competitions. This includes players, coaches, parents, spectators, officials and administrators. This policy has been developed in consultation with the VBRA Frankston branch to provide clear expectations of our members and the penalties that that apply for breaching acceptable standards of behaviour.

This policy and associated penalties apply for FDBA domestic competitions only.

2. Codes of Conduct

Everyone involved in Basketball are bound by [Basketball Victoria's Codes of Conduct](#) and members who fail to adhere to these rules must be held accountable.

3. Referee, Player and Coach Communication

Respectful communication is encouraged between our referees and players/coaches. A call may be questioned as long as the reaction is not aggressive, overly demonstrative nor prolonged. Referees will be instructed that they may communicate with any player to answer reasonable questions seeking clarification.

Assistant coaches, team managers and spectators are not permitted to communicate with referees.

Apprentice (green shirt) referees are not to be approached under any circumstances.

3.1. Junior Domestic

Coaches of junior domestic teams are responsible for the behaviour of players and associated spectators/parents. Coaches and referees are expected to work together to provide a safe environment for all participants.

Coaches may request to speak to a referee during a time out or dead ball situation. They are not permitted to step onto the court and the conversation will take place in vicinity of the team bench. They may question a call in a courteous manner and the question must end when the official has provided an answer.

3.2. Senior Domestic

The team captain may request to speak to a referee during a time out or dead ball situation. They may question a call in a courteous manner and the question must end when the official has provided an answer.

4. Referee Complaints

Complaints regarding referees should be addressed during or immediately after the match with the referee supervisor. The supervisor may watch the remainder of the match upon request. Supervisors are responsible for multiple courts and may be unable to watch the entire game. FDBA staff are not to be approached or spoken to in an aggressive manner.

If not satisfied with the match day outcome a team or club official may lodge a formal complaint.

4.1. Junior Domestic

A complaint may be made to club committee who will review the complaint and if deemed necessary forward to the FDBA office. The FDBA will investigate the complaint and notify the club of the outcome.

4.2. Senior Domestic

Team Delegate may lodge a complaint via email to the FDBA office. The FDBA will review the complaint and notify the delegate of the outcome.

5. Behavioural Technical Fouls

A behavioural technical foul is one which:

- a) Shows some form of dissent (by word or action) towards a referee or their calls, or
- b) Shows some form of disrespect (by word or action) towards match officials

Referees will attempt to issue warnings for the following, although they are not required to do so:

- a) Continuing to discuss a call after the referee has responded,
- b) Holding arms in the air following a call for a prolonged period of time,
- c) Attempting to demonstrate actions, and
- d) Repeatedly asking questions, making comments, or gesturing in response to calls

Referees will issue a behavioural technical foul without warning for the following:

- a) Wave offs, aggressive or excessive motioning of the arms,
- b) Aggressive hand claps directed at an official or showing resentment for a call or non-call,
- c) Running towards or aggressively approaching a referee,
- d) Shouting a reaction to a call or using profanity,
- e) Extended or prolonged complaining about a call, particularly after being told to stop, and
- f) Not responding to a warning by repeating the action (or some other disrespectful action)

5.1 On Court Penalties

As per [Basketball Victoria Rules](#) all technical fouls will result in the following penalty:

- a) 2 shots plus possession, and
- b) 5 minute sin bin penalty (game clock)

5.2 Off Court Penalties

Coaches and players who receive 3 or more behavioural technical fouls in a 12 month period will have the following penalty applied:

- a) 3 technical fouls: automatic 2 week suspension,
- b) 4 technical fouls: automatic 4 week suspension,
- c) 5 technical fouls: automatic 6 week suspension,
- d) 6 technical fouls: automatic 8 week suspension, and
- e) 7 technical fouls: automatic 12 month suspension

If a member receives 2 technical fouls in a single game both will be added to their quota. Technical fouls for flopping or delay of game, etc. will not be added to a member's quota.

If a technical foul is committed by member of the team's bench in junior domestic competitions, this shall be issued to the coach.

5.3 Warning/Notification Procedures

The FDBA will send email notification to the team/club delegate informing them of the member's violations after each technical foul. If the member receives a period of automatic suspension the team/club delegate will be advised of their date of return to competition.

A register of active technical fouls will be publicly displayed on the FDBA website.

5.4 Recording of Technical Fouls

Match officials that issue a behavioural technical foul are required to report to the referee supervisor at the completion of the match. The supervisor is authorised to review the situation and will sanction or dismiss the technical foul. The supervisor will lodge a notification form for all sanctioned fouls. An explanation of why the technical foul was issued must be included on the form.

5.5 Appeals

Participants who receive a behavioural technical foul have the right to appeal to the FDBA Match Committee for a review of their technical foul by 5.00pm the next business day. Appeals must be made via email by their team delegate (senior teams) or club delegate (junior teams). Delegates will be advised of the appeal outcome within two business days of the request being received. The Match Committees decision is final.

6. Disqualifying Fouls

A disqualifying foul is any flagrant unsportsmanlike action from a participant. All disqualifying fouls are reported to the FDBA Match Committee for investigation and further penalties may apply.

The disqualified member must leave the court area immediately. Failure to leave the court will result in forfeiture of the match and a report submitted to the Tribunal.

7. Spectator Behaviour

Spectators are permitted to support their team and loud barracking does not constitute disruptive behaviour.

The following spectator behaviour is considered unacceptable:

- a) Disputing or yelling at decisions made by the referee,
- b) Encouraging violence or threatening violence,
- c) Approaching the score bench about a score or time discrepancy; and
- d) Approaching a referee or member of the opposition team

6.1 Spectator Warning/Removal

Referees will comply with the following procedure when aware of unacceptable spectator behaviour:

- a) Identify which team the person is connected to,
- b) Stop the game and advise the coach or captain that the team has received a warning for inappropriate spectator behaviour,
- c) If the behaviour continues a behavioural technical foul will be issued against the team and the referee will summon the referee supervisor,
- d) The supervisor will request the spectator to leave the court area, and
- e) If the spectator does not comply their team will forfeit the match and a report will be submitted to the Tribunal

A warning will not be issued for a serious breach of the code of conduct.

6.2 Penalties

All spectator incidents are to be reported to the FDBA Match Committee for investigation. If a reportable offence has occurred the member will be charged to appear before the Tribunal.

Spectators that are removed from venues will have the following penalty applied:

- a) First offence: formal warning,
- b) Second offence: automatic 2 week suspension,
- c) Third offence: automatic 6 week suspension, and
- d) Fourth offence: automatic 12 months suspension

A register of spectator ejections will be publicly displayed on the FDBA website. Ejections will be active on the register for a period of 24 months.

8. Serious Incidents

Any FDBA staff member may request a participant leave the venue immediately for misconduct deemed of a serious nature.

Serious misconduct may consist of the following:

- a) Discriminatory comments,
- b) Violent, threatening or dangerous behaviour,
- c) Damage to association or member property,
- d) Intoxication, and
- e) Possession or suspected use of an illicit substance

Police will be called for any matter of a criminal nature.

9. Score Bench Officials

The person taking the role of scorer is considered an official and is expected to act accordingly:

- a) Be diligent in fulfilling scoring duties,
- b) Report any score bench discrepancies to the referees immediately,
- c) Act in an unbiased manner, and
- d) Refrain from cheering

If a team is concerned at the competency of the score bench official supplied by the other team the coach/captain may request the referee to have the person replaced. The referee's decision is final. The score bench official can only be replaced by another person from the opposing team.