



### **Hoop Time 'UGLY' Behaviour Policy –**

Basketball Victoria will not tolerate the verbal abuse of officials or staff. If you have a query/concern about the officiating the following process needs to be adhered to:

- Only the parent or teacher **IN CHARGE** of the teams can make the complaint. They can calmly make the Referee Supervisor aware of umpiring issue. If you are not the teacher or parent in charge, then your matter will not be acknowledged.
- The Referee Supervisor or Hoop Time Coordinator can then determine if the game/situation needs to be observed and the matter addressed.
- The Referee Supervisor or Hoop Time Coordinator will gather all the information required to make an informed decision of the course of action needed. In most cases a discussion with the court referee will be sufficient.
- This process is to be undertaken calmly and respectfully or **NO ACTION** will be taken. We want coaches to coach and spectators to support, but any questioning of calls or aggressive behaviour towards officials will not be tolerated.

**Coaches and Players** that are deemed to be using excessive aggression or unsportsmanlike behaviour towards opposition players, coaches or officials will be issued with a warning. Repeated behaviour will be brought to the attention of the Referee Supervisor or the Hoop Time Coordinator.

If the behaviour continues the following action may be taken:

- A technical foul will be awarded and recorded on the scoresheet by the official.
- If they still continue, then a second technical foul will be given and they will be removed from the playing area and will not be eligible to return for the remainder of the game/day (decision to be made by Referee Supervisor or Hoop Time Coordinator).
- If a second technical foul is given in a later game on the same day, for the same offense this will automatically result in a disqualifying foul being issued and the player/coach will be asked to leave the playing area.
- Any player who receives a disqualifying foul and is ejected for their behaviour will be reported by the official and will face a Basketball Victoria tribunal, which may result in a suspension and being banned from all Victorian venues for a certain amount of time.
- If the game has concluded (and therefore technical fouls cannot be given), the player/coach is not to approach any official. Any queries must be done through the parent or teacher in charge and done in a calm, respectful and polite manner.
- If a coach or player continues to display poor behaviour they will be automatically asked to leave and will be placed on report.
- Any action taken is at the discretion of the Referee Supervisor or Hoop Time Coordinator and will be based on the severity of behaviour.

**Spectators** that are deemed to be using excessive aggression or unsportsmanlike behaviour towards opposition players, coaches or officials will be issued with a warning. Repeated behaviour will be brought to the attention of the Referee Supervisor or the Hoop Time Coordinator.

If the behaviour continues the following action may be taken:

- The spectator will be asked to leave the playing area for the remainder of the game
- If the behaviour continues the spectator will be asked to leave the playing area for the remainder of the day. They will not be allowed to watch any remaining games throughout the day if this occurs.
- If the spectator refuses to leave after being politely asked to, then the Police will be called, as they are trespassing.
- Any spectator that is removed for their behaviour will be reported by the official and will face a Basketball Victoria tribunal, which may result in a suspension and being banned from all Victorian venues for a period of time.
- At the conclusion of the game, spectators are not to approach any official to question calls; they must go through the parent or teacher in charge who must do so politely.
- During this time the game clock **WILL CONTINUE** to run. If the spectator has not vacated the playing area within three (3) minutes of being asked to do so, the school/team will forfeit the game.
- A technical foul may also be issued to the team's coach.
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