



DVBA BEHAVIOURAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION

Overview

The DVBA is dedicated to fostering a safe and respectful environment for all participants in our competitions, including players, coaches, parents, spectators, referees, and administrators. This updated policy has been developed in alignment with Basketball Victoria and incorporates additional measures to set clear expectations and consequences for breaches of acceptable behaviour.

Codes of Conduct

All participants are bound by Basketball Victoria's Codes of Conduct, which outline the expected standards of behaviour. Those who fail to adhere to these rules will be held accountable.

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Communication Between Referees, Players, and Coaches

- Respectful Interaction: All communication must be courteous, non-aggressive, and concise.

Junior Competitions:

- Coaches are responsible for the behaviour of their players and associated spectators.
- Coaches may approach referees only during time-outs or dead ball situations and must remain near their bench.
- Apprentice (green shirt) referees cannot be approached under any circumstances.

Referee Complaints

Complaints regarding referees must be handled professionally and follow these steps:

- During Matches: Raise concerns with the referee supervisor, who may observe the game if necessary.

Formal Complaints:

- Junior teams: Submit complaints through their club for review before forwarding to DVBA.

Behavioural Technical Fouls

Behavioural technical fouls will be penalised as follows:

Off-Court Penalties for Repeat Offenders:

- 2 technical fouls in 12 months: 2-week suspension.
- 3 technical fouls: 4-week suspension.
- 4 technical fouls: 6-week suspension.
- 5 technical fouls: 8-week suspension.
- 6 technical fouls: 12-month suspension.

Notification

- Offenders will be notified after each technical foul.

Disqualifying Fouls

Disqualifying fouls for unsportsmanlike conduct will result in immediate ejection from the game and potential additional penalties as determined by DVBA. Refusal to leave will result in game forfeiture and tribunal referral.



Spectator Behaviour

Spectators are encouraged to support their teams but must refrain from:

- Disputing referee decisions.
- Threatening or encouraging violence.
- Approaching referees, opposition members, or the scorebench.

Serious Misconduct

DVBA will take immediate action for serious misconduct, including:

- Discriminatory or violent behaviour.
- Damage to property.
- Intoxication or illicit substance use.

Police will be contacted for any criminal behaviour.

Scorebench Officials

Scorebench officials are considered part of the game's officiating team and must:

- Perform scoring duties accurately.
- Report discrepancies to referees.
- Maintain neutrality and avoid cheering.

If competency is questioned, a replacement may be requested by a coach or captain. Referees will have the final say.

Penalties for Unacceptable Behaviour:

The DVBA office will use the [Basketball Victoria Tribunal Offences](#) as a guide when investigating any incident report and take a reduced position on the length of suspensions listed aside each offense.

Warnings will be skipped for severe breaches, such as violence or discriminatory remarks.

Incident Reporting and Resolution

Incidents and Tribunal Reports

- Incidents: Minor issues, such as disputes or spectator misbehaviour, requiring attention.



- Tribunal Reports: Serious offenses requiring formal proceedings.

Reporting Procedure

- Club officials, referees, supervisors, or DVBA staff may submit reports.
- Reports must include detailed information and be submitted promptly after the incident.

Review Process

- DVBA will review reports received by Monday and issue decisions by the Wednesday following the incident.
- Incidents must have corroboration from at least two sources to proceed.
- It is encouraged that if an individual feels that they may have been involved in an incident, they should get on the front foot and provide the information to their club, by the Monday following the incident by 5:00pm.
- If DVBA have at least two sources of information, there is potential for the reported parties and clubs to not be contacted till after a decision is made.
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Appeals:

Clubs or individuals have 48 hours to appeal the decision. Appeals will only be considered if new evidence is provided.

If the appeal is accepted, DVBA may:

- Review and amend the penalty.
- Keep the penalty as it stands.
- Refer the case to an alternate procedure.

Once a decision has been made on the appeal, there is no further right of reply.

Alternate Procedure

In the case of an appeal or more serious offenses, the DVBA or reporting referees may opt for an alternate tribunal procedure, which expedites the resolution process. This process follows Basketball Victoria By-laws, and any penalties will apply across all Basketball Victoria competitions. The Tribunal Panel will determine, based on the report, whether to issue a suspension, impose a good behaviour bond, or declare a not-guilty verdict.

If the individual disagrees with the verdict, they may appeal, leading to a Tribunal Hearing.



Tribunal Hearings

In more serious cases requiring a Tribunal Hearing:

Notification: DVBA will notify all relevant parties of the hearing details, including the date, time, and location.

Hearing Process: Hearings are typically held on weeknights and involve the tribunal panel reviewing reports, statements, and questioning both the reporting and reported individuals.

Participants: The reported individual, their parents (if underage), the reporting party, and any relevant witnesses will attend.

Fairness: The DVBA ensures that hearings are accessible and fair, guided by an experienced panel.