



BACCHUS MARSH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
COMPETITION
TECHNICAL FOUL (BEHAVIOURAL) POLICY

Basketball is intended to be a recreational activity fostering enjoyment and health, with the provision of a safe competitive environment for all involved. It is imperative to prioritise the nurturing and development of game officials for the overall well-being of the sport.

All individuals are expected to adhere to Basketball Victoria's Code of Conduct, conducting themselves with propriety and reasonableness. A zero-tolerance policy will be strictly enforced against any form of inappropriate or abusive behaviour directed towards officials by participants.

Actions constituting breaches of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Persistently challenging the rulings of referees,
- Berating or abusing referees,
- Using audible offensive language,
- Using threatening language or demonstrating threatening behaviour,
- Harassing referees.

Individuals found in violation of this code will be subject to the following policy. It's important to note that technical fouls for non-behavioural matters will not fall under this policy.

It's vital to maintain a respectful and supportive environment for all participants, and adherence to this policy is essential for the integrity and enjoyment of the BMBA domestic competition.

Technical Foul Policy

This policy applies to all participants of the Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association (BMBA) domestic competition, including head coaches, assistant coaches, bench staff, team managers, spectators, and players.

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

Coaches, assistant coaches, bench staff, and players who accumulate one or more behavioural technical fouls during a BMBA season, starting from Grading, will face the following penalty:

- One Tech Foul: Written warning letter
- Two Tech Fouls: Automatic 1-Week Suspension
- Three Tech Fouls: Automatic 3-Week Suspension and Review of BMBA membership

*Please note that if a player or coach is ejected from a game, and both technical fouls are due to referee abuse, the BMBA Committee may invoke an additional one-week suspension.

** Please note that if a person is suspended from the BMBA domestic competition then they cannot represent the BMBA in any capacity for the length of their suspension. This includes but is not limited to VJBL and CBL.

All in-game behavioural technical fouls referred to in this policy will count toward your cumulative total. This is in addition to By-law 21.4: *Any player or coach receiving disqualification from the game will automatically be suspended for **TWO** fixtured weeks from any BMBA activity and/or VJBL representative activity. This is an automatic BMBA sanctioned suspension.*

Any spectator removed from a game will receive an automatic one-week suspension from the BMBA and will not be permitted to enter any facility hosting BMBA governed activities (training, matches and programs) during that time.

Tech Foul Procedure

At the completion of each round the referee supervisor will send an email to the BMBA Administration to inform them of any indiscretions during that week of competitions.

If the coach, assistant coach, bench staff, or player have received their first and only technical foul, the BMBA will issue the domestic club the written warning to be passed on to the person involved. The person involved will have 24 hours to sign and return the letter (via email) acknowledging that any further behavioural technical fouls will result in an automatic suspension.

For the second and further Behavioural Technical Fouls

The BMBA Administration will notify the domestic club that the relevant person has been suspended from the BMBA competition and will provide the domestic club with the relevant persons return to competition date.

Appealing Behavioural Technical Foul or Penalty

Coaches, assistant coaches, bench staff, and players who receive a behavioural technical foul have the right to appeal to the BMBA Administration for a review of their technical foul record. This appeal must be submitted by the close of business on the next business day following the issuance of the technical foul. The appeal must be emailed by their domestic club delegate.

The BMBA Administration will respond to the review request within 48 business hours of its receipt. The review will involve a thorough examination of the circumstances surrounding the technical foul to determine if any mitigating factors warrant a revision of the penalty.

If a relevant person is suspended as a result of accumulated technical fouls, the domestic club delegate may email the BMBA Administration within 24 hours of receiving the penalty notification to appeal the suspension. This appeal will be forwarded to the Appeals Committee for review.

The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final and binding. All parties involved will be notified promptly of the committee's decision.