



## Zero Tolerance Policy – Team Officials

The following policy and procedure will be in effect at all games which form part of a Surfcoast Basketball Association (SBA) competition, or any other sanctioned SBA event, and is based on the Zero Tolerance Policy implemented by Basketball Victoria Country (BVC).

1. There will be a zero tolerance policy towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from team officials towards game referees, players, score bench personnel or members of the public
2. Any team official (coach, assistant coach, manager or team staff member) who feels the necessity to:
  - Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
  - Berate or abuse referees
  - Display conduct which is inappropriate in a junior sporting environment

Should expect to be disqualified from the game in question and be required to leave the court area.

This disqualification notification may be issued by the Court Supervising Officer (CSO), Referee Supervisor or any official representing the SBA.

Any spectator observing instances of the above behavior should immediately report this behavior to the CSO or an official representing the SBA.

Whether or not technical fouls have been called against any team official or not during the game will have no bearing on the decision to disqualify any team official under this policy

No warnings will be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary and failure to heed the disqualification will result in the team of the disqualified official forfeiting the game in question.

In the event that a team official is disqualified during the course of any competition, that official could be suspended for the remainder of the season. Any appeals against disqualification under this policy should immediately be directed to the SBA via [admin@basketballsurfcoast.com.au](mailto:admin@basketballsurfcoast.com.au)

BVC has implemented this action due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behavior in sanctioned events and competitions thus far and its desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants.

SBA implores any team official who feels that they cannot refrain from the above behavior not to participate in the competitions henceforth. Team officials who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should either speak to a Referee Supervisor at an appropriate time or direct their correspondence to [admin@basketballsurfcoast.com.au](mailto:admin@basketballsurfcoast.com.au)

The health of our game depends on the nurture and development of game officials. The realistic barometer of the health of any Basketball Association is their capacity to provide well organized and officiated competitions for the communities they service. It is the aim of BVC to help associations increase this capacity.

Please note that any action taken under this new policy and procedure is entirely separate to any action that may be necessitated by law under Child Protection Legislation or Basketball Victoria Member Protection policy