



# MARLBOROUGH BASKETBALL

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### Zero Tolerance Referee Policy

Step	Details
<b>Introduction</b>	<p>MBA recognizes that development of game officials is essential to aid the continued provision of well organised and well officiated competitions. MBA is committed to provide a safe environment free from harassment and bullying for all basketball participants. <b>This Zero Tolerance Policy</b> has been developed to provide referees with the opportunity to develop their skills in an environment that supports learning and teaches respect.</p> <p>This policy is aimed at eliminating any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from team personnel towards referees during all competitions, leagues and tournaments.</p> <p>Participating teams will be informed of this policy.</p>
<b>Application</b>	<p>Any team member, coach, assistant coach, manager <b>or any person in the team bench area</b> who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*continually questions or challenges referee decisions</li><li>*abuses or verbally harasses referees</li><li>* displays inappropriate conduct ,eg, facial or hand gestures and/or overt expressions of anger or dismay,</li></ul> <p>will be subject to the Zero Tolerance Policy.</p>
<b>Warning</b>	<p>In some cases the referee will issue a verbal warning first. It should be noted however, that this is solely at the discretion of the referee and that the referee may consider that a Technical Foul should be called without a warning.</p>
<b>Technical Foul</b>	<p>Where the abusive behaviour continues or where the referee considers it appropriate, a technical foul will be called. A technical foul on the bench, <b>including anyone in the team bench area</b>, will be called against the coach.</p>
<b>Disqualification</b>	<p>Players or coaches that have been issued with 2 technical fouls will be asked to leave the stadium.</p> <p>A player or coach who is asked to leave must do so immediately.</p> <p>If referee needs to make a report, the player, coach, supporter has two days right of reply and a decision on consequences will be made by a sub-committee before the next competition game.</p>
<b>Consequences</b>	<p>Any person disqualified from a game will have an automatic 1 game suspension.</p> <p>Failure to leave the stadium on disqualification, or playing whilst suspended will result in the disqualified person's team forfeiting the game in question.</p>
<b>Spectators</b>	<p>This policy will also apply to anyone in the upstairs area. If they are a team member they will still be considered part of the team. If not a team member, stadium staff will be asked to remove them and if necessary they may be banned from the stadium complex.</p> <p>Coaches should ensure that anyone in their team bench area follows this policy. Coaches may ask anyone that is not part of their team to leave the stadium arena.</p>