



BEHAVIOUR POLICY

(as at 30 September 2025)

Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions

Zero Tolerance Policy and Technical Foul Policy

As endorsed by the SBA Board on **9 October 2025**

About the Sunbury Basketball Association Inc

Established in 1975, the Sunbury Basketball Association Inc (“SBA”) is a diverse and inclusive not-for-profit community hub, serving over 3,200 members from a wide range of backgrounds and abilities. The SBA operates across seven basketball venues.

The SBA’s inclusivity is central to its mission, engaging individuals from ages 5 to 80 years, and ensuring basketball is accessible to everyone, whether they are beginners or elite athletes.

The SBA’s range of basketball programs is specifically designed to meet the needs of a diverse community, from those seeking a fun recreational experience to those pursuing higher-level elite competition. Programs conducted ensure that all, regardless of gender, ability, or background, have opportunities to participate.

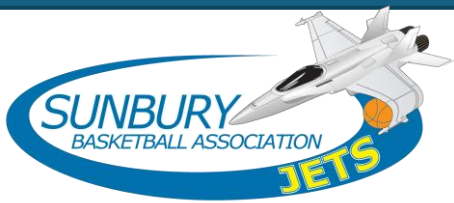
The SBA comprises eleven domestic clubs, each operating under the Associations Incorporated Act 2009. These clubs are the backbone of the SBA, recruiting players, coaches, team managers and technical officials, while electing representatives to sit on the Domestic Competition sub-committees. The SBA also includes the Sunbury Jets, its representative arm, providing players with high-level state/national competition opportunities.

The SBA’s inclusive approach extends to all clubs, ensuring that every member, regardless of ability or background, has access to opportunities to participate and excel in basketball.

Our Vision: Fostering the finest community-based environment where basketball is the preferred sport of choice

Our Mission: Collaborate and provide a well-defined pathway for all participants to achieve their personal best

Our Values: Accountability, Integrity, Respect, Inspiration, Inclusivity, Leadership



Behaviour Policy – Introduction

To ensure a safe and enjoyable recreational playing environment for all participants (players, coaches and technical officials), the SBA implemented in September 2022 a Zero Tolerance Policy to address inappropriate and unsportsmanlike behaviour from parents, guardians and spectators.

Basketball Victoria's Codes of Conduct (for Players, Coaches and Spectators) provide great oversight also for the behaviour of all within our SBA controlled venues and competitions.

It is the SBA's responsibility to nurture the development of players, coaches and game technical officials in a safe competitive environment.

All patrons entering SBA controlled venues are not only representing their team and club, but also the wider basketball community and must always behave in a proper, reasonable and respectful manner.

Verbal abuse toward an underaged person is a form of child abuse and the fact that this may occur in a sporting environment does not diminish its seriousness or excuse for behaviour.

There will be zero tolerance towards any inappropriate and/or abusive behaviour in SBA controlled competitions.

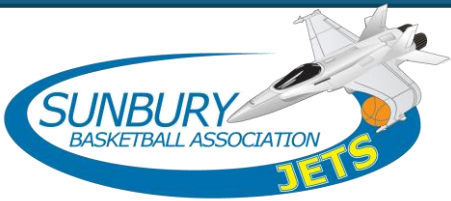
Effective from 1 October 2025 the SBA shall upgrade its Behaviour Policy for all patrons with a two-pronged mechanism.

- **Behaviour Policy A – ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

- For parents, guardians, spectators, continuance of the **Zero Tolerance Policy** shall remain and be enforced, (this includes for scorers).

- **Behaviour Policy B – TECHNICAL FOUL POLICY**

- For players, coaches, assistant coaches and team managers, a **Technical Foul Policy** shall be implemented.



Behaviour Policy A – Zero Tolerance Policy

Any SBA official, be they a; Referee Advisor, Referee Coach, Referee Supervisor, Board Member, Junior/Senior Domestic Committee member, Life Member, Tribunal Panel Member, Staff Member, reserves the right to request any parent, guardian or spectator to immediately leave the venue if they are witnessing;

- Persistent or wilful questioning or challenging of the rulings/interpretation of the appointed game officials, i.e. referees or scorers
- Berate or abuse game officials, i.e. referees or scorers
- Berate or abuse team officials (theirs or the opposition's)
- Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
- Berate or abuse any game day or venue official
- Display conduct which is inappropriate in any sporting/community environment
- Wilfully damage/remove any SBA or personal property.

If a parent, guardian and/or spectator is requested to leave the SBA controlled venue for enactment of this Zero Tolerance Policy by the SBA representative, then the SBA controlling venue supervisor (Doorperson) shall ensure the person leaves the premises promptly.

Particularly at SBA outer venues, where often SBA officials are minimal, the appointed game technical officials are to lend support to the venue supervisor.

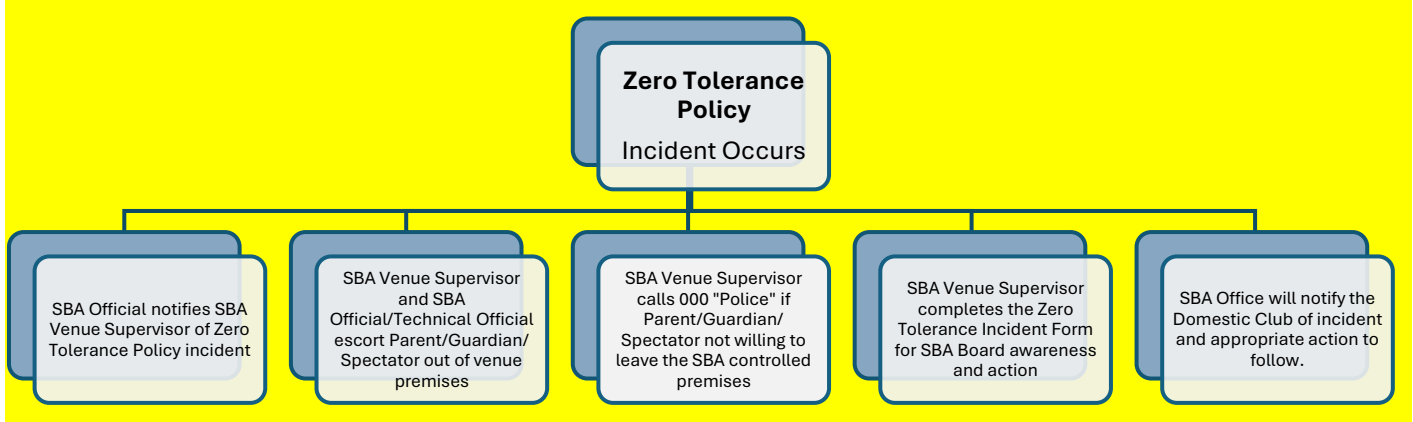
The SBA controlling venue supervisor (Doorperson) is always encouraged to contact the local Victoria Police for prompt attendance if the situation is not resolved.

A parent, guardian or spectator who has been requested to leave the SBA controlled venue, may also be suspended directly by the SBA Board for their actions and/or required to attend a Basketball Victoria Tribunal hearing.

It should be noted that any repeated inappropriate behaviour by a parent, guardian and/or spectator may have an impact on the playing future of their player/team.

The SBA office (SBA Domestic Competitions Officer) will send details of any SBA Zero Tolerance Policy enactments onto the relevant Club Secretary and Club Delegate via email for their awareness and internal anticipated investigation.

Zero Tolerance – Incident Flow Chart



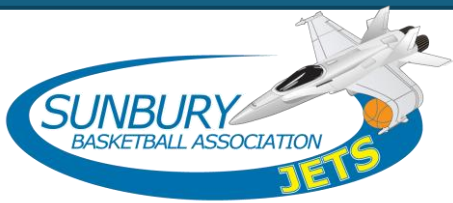
Step 1 >>

Step 2 >>

Step 3 >>

Step 4 >>

Step 5.



Behaviour Policy B – Technical Foul Policy

Any player, coach or team official that is awarded a Technical Foul by the game appointed Technical Officials are required to immediately sit out, taking no further part in the respective game for a period of **five (5) minutes**.

Should the player, coach or team official receive two (2) Technical Fouls in the same game, they are immediately disqualified from the game and **MUST** immediately leave the viewing area of the game.

All Behavioural Technical Fouls issued in SBA controlled games will be recorded by the appointed Technical Official on the SBA game summary form and these will be then maintained by the SBA Competitions team.

All players, coaches or team officials who receive a behavioural Technical Foul in an SBA controlled game will receive an email warning from the SBA (a copy of the warning will also be sent to their Club Secretary and Club Delegate for their awareness) and be subject to the following;

Technical Foul – Incident FLOW CHART	
<p>1st Technical Foul Incident</p> <p>5 Minutes and a WARNING</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal from the game for five (5) minutes 2. Warning Letter sent from the SBA to the player/coach/team (and a copy provided to the respective Club Secretary and Club Delegate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incidents can be defined as Technical Fouls charged per game, rather than per Technical Foul and can also include Technical Fouls and Disqualifying Fouls.
<p>2nd Technical Foul Incident</p> <p>Two (2) Weeks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Same Game – immediately disqualified and an automatic Two (2) Week suspension 2. Over a 12 month period an automatic Two (2) Week Suspension 3. Notification Letter sent from the SBA to the player/coach/team (and a copy provided to the respective Club Secretary and Club Delegate). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Penalty to commence immediately from receipt of the second Technical Foul incident.
<p>3rd Technical Foul Incident</p> <p>Four (4) Weeks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over a 12 month period an automatic Four (4) Week Suspension 2. Notification Letter sent from the SBA to the player/coach/team (and a copy provided to the respective Club Secretary and Club Delegate). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Penalty to commence immediately from receipt of the third Technical Foul incident.
<p>4th Technical Foul Incident</p> <p>Six (6) Weeks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Over a 12 month period an automatic Six (6) Week Suspension 2. Notification Letter sent from the SBA to the player/coach/team (and a copy provided to the respective Club Secretary and Club Delegate). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4th Technical Foul Incidents will be referred to the SBA Board for consideration of the player/coach/team’s removal of membership and/or being banned from future registration into SBA programs and competitions. ○ Penalty to commence immediately from receipt of the fourth Technical Foul incident.



The process described in the table on Page 4 of this document does not preclude the possibility of any player, coach or team official being reported directly on-top of this Technical Foul Policy action and the matter then being heard by the Basketball Victoria Tribunal.

Game process Technical Fouls received for in game will not be added to the player/coach/team officials quota, for example Technical Fouls called for; flopping, delay of game, crossing the line in a free throw situation, the offensive player pushing the ball away after a basket etc.

Only behavioural Technical Fouls remain on the player, coach or team official's SBA record for a 12 month period from the date of receiving the Technical Foul/s.

The SBA Technical Foul Policy is governed by the SBA and is separate to that of tribunals conducted under the auspices of Basketball Victoria.

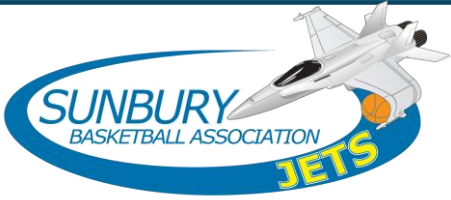
Technical Foul Policy Appeals Process

Players, Coaches and Team Officials who receive behavioural Technical Foul Policy enforcement, have the right to appeal to the SBA Board for review of their Technical Foul penalty as per this Policy within 36 hours from receipt of their notification email.

The Technical Foul appeal must be in writing and addressed to domestic@sunburybasketball.com.au and must include significant additional or new evidence.

The received appeal decision by the SBA Board will be final.

Please note that any suspension as per the SBA Behaviour Policy will stand in place until the appeal request has been reviewed and actioned.



BEHAVIOUR POLICY

REPORT FORM

Junior and Senior Domestic Competitions

As endorsed by the SBA Board on 9 October 2025

[] Behaviour Policy A – ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY (Please this Two (2) Page Report form)

For parents, guardians, spectators, continuance of the **Zero Tolerance Policy** shall remain and be enforced, (this includes for scorers).

DATE OF INCIDENT: _____ / _____ / 20__

TIME OF INCIDENT: _____ AM / PM

VENUE/COURT OF INCIDENT: _____

NAME OF OFFENDER: _____

CLUB / TEAM: _____

ROLE: [] TEAM COACH [] TEAM OFFICIAL [] PARENT [] SPECTATOR [] PLAYER

WAS THE PERSON?: [] Warned [] Ejected [] Ceased from Performing Role

WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THE INTERVENTION?:

1. [] Persistent or wilful questioning or challenging of the rulings/interpretation of the appointed game officials, i.e. referees or scorers
2. [] Berate or abuse game officials, i.e. referees or scorers
3. [] Berate or abuse team officials (theirs or the opposition's)
4. [] Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
5. [] Berate or abuse any game day or venue official
6. [] Display conduct which is inappropriate in any sporting/community environment
7. [] Wilfully damage/remove any SBA or personal property
8. [] Other (Please specify).

What steps were taken to change the inappropriate behaviour?:



Was the offender shown the endorsed SBA Behaviour Policy?: YES NO

What other relevant details of the incident should the SBA be aware of?:

Name of person making this report: _____

Position: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / 20____

Name and Contact Details of any witnesses:

Name: _____

Contact details: _____

Name: _____

Contact details: _____

This form will be communicated with the respective club and reported person via email from the SBA office.

Postal Address: Sunbury Basketball Association Inc

P.O. Box 47

SUNBURY 3429

Email Address: domestic@sunburybasketball.com.au