

# Sunbury Basketball Association - Zero Tolerance Policy for Spectators



To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players and participants, the Sunbury Basketball Association (SBA) have in place a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Parents and Spectators.

This policy will supplement the current policy applied to coaches and team officials. The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero-tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators
2. Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
  - **Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees**
  - **Berate or abuse referees**
  - **Berate or abuse players**
  - **Berate or abuse other parents or spectators**
  - **Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment**

Will be asked to leave the venue immediately. Failure to leave when requested will result in the SBA representative taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety of players, spectators and parents. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary. A parent/spectator who has been requested to leave an event may be suspended directly or required to attend a tribunal hearing. It should be noted that any repeated inappropriate behaviour by a parent may have an impact on the playing future of their child.

All spectators and parents have to accept responsibility for their behaviour.

Any appeals against disqualification under this policy should immediately be directed to the Sunbury Basketball Association Board of Management. This should be in an email through the clubs to the secretary of the SBA.

This action has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at events conducted by or on behalf of the Sunbury Basketball Association and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants. SBA implores any parents or spectators who feel that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to attend.

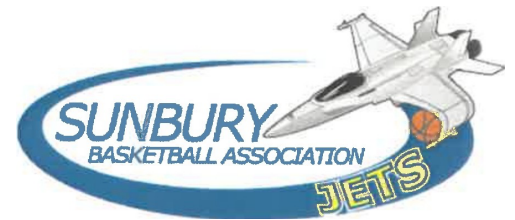
Parents/spectators/organisations who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should direct their feedback through their coach/club.

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

This policy is not aimed at stifling or diminishing healthy supportive cheering or the ability of all spectators and parents to enjoy the spectacle of junior sport.

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 the Child Protection Legislation or Basketball Victoria's Member Protection policy.

# Sunbury Basketball Association - Zero Tolerance Policy for Team Officials



The following policy and procedure will be in effect at all games which form part of the Sunbury Basketball Association or any other sanctioned SBA event.

1. There will be a zero-tolerance policy towards any inappropriate or abusive behavior 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 Supervisor, Referee Supervisor or any official representing the Sunbury Basketball Association. Any spectator observing instances of the above behaviors should immediately report this behavior to the Court Supervisor or an official representing the Sunbury Basketball Association. 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 SBA 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 Sunbury Basketball Association

This action has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behavior in sanctioned events thus far and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants. I would implore any team official who feels that they cannot refrain from the above behavior not to participate in the Championships 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 Sunbury Basketball Association

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# Sunbury Basketball Association - ZeroTolerance Policy for Players



The following policy and procedure will be in effect at all games which form part of the Sunbury Basketball Association or any other sanctioned SBA event.

3. There will be a zero-tolerance policy towards any inappropriate or abusive behavior from players towards game referees, players, score bench personnel or members of the public
4. Any player 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 sporting environment**

Should expect to be disqualified from the game in question and be required to leave the court area. If disqualified, notification may be issued by the Court Supervisor, Referee Supervisor or any official representing the Sunbury Basketball Association. Any spectator observing instances of the above behavior should immediately report this behavior to the Court Supervisor or an official representing the Sunbury Basketball Association. Whether or not technical fouls have been called against any player or not during the game will have no bearing on the decision to disqualify any player 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 player forfeiting the game in question

In the event that a player is disqualified during the course of any SBA Competition or reported as a part of the Zero Tolerance Policy, that player could be suspended for the remainder of the season. Any appeals against disqualification under this policy should immediately be directed to the Sunbury Basketball Association

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# Zero Tolerance Report Form

Email: [domestic@sunburybasketball.com.au](mailto:domestic@sunburybasketball.com.au)

Name of Offender: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: Team Official / Parent / Spectator / Player

Was the Person: Warned / Ejected / Ceased from Performing Role (**Circle Action Taken**)

What was the reason for the intervention? (**Tick appropriate boxes**)

1. ☐ Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees.
2. ☐ Berate or abuse referees.
3. ☐ Display conduct which is inappropriate in a junior sporting environment.
4. ☐ Berate or abuse players.
5. ☐ Berate or abuse other parents or spectators.
6. ☐ Other (Please specify).

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What steps were taken to change the inappropriate behaviour:

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Was the offender shown:

1. ☐ Zero Tolerance Policy
2. ☐ Codes of behaviour

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Venue of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Person making report:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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

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