



# Sunbury Basketball Association's Zero Tolerance Policy

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all participants and parents/spectators Sunbury Basketball Association (SBA) have in place a Zero Tolerance Policy to address inappropriate and unsportsmanlike behaviour from parent/spectators and Team Officials (assistant coaches, team managers and scorers) other than head coaches.

All patrons entering our basketball venues are not only representing their team and club but also the basketball community. There will be zero tolerance towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour. The referee advisor, referee coaches, referee supervisors, board members, life members, tribunal members and staff reserve the right to ask any parent/spectator or team official, other than the coach, to immediately leave the venue who feels it necessary to:

- **Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees**
- **Berate or abuse game officials ie referees and score table personnel**
- **Berate or abuse team officials**
- **Berate or abuse other parents or spectators**
- **Berate or abuse any game day official**
- **Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment**
- **Wilfully damage/remove SBA or personal property**

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 or spectator may have an impact on the playing future of the player/team. Each parent/spectator and/or Team Official other than the Head Coach, is only entitled to one Zero Tolerance Report a season. Any repeated behaviour will result in an official report being submitted to the Tribunal.

The adoption of this Zero Tolerance policy has become necessary due to an increase reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at competitions conducted by or on behalf of SBA and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all athletes, officials and spectators.

The SBA office will send any Zero Tolerance Reports onto the relevant Club Secretary and Delegate via email with instructions on how to proceed.

The SBA asks any person who feels that they cannot refrain from the above unacceptable behaviour not to attend games or venues.

Parents/spectators/organisations who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should direct their feedback through their club rather than address the official on the day.

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

## Examples:

1. A parent/spectator for Team B has come to watch their child play. During the game, the parent/spectator has been yelling comments at the referees in relation to their calls.  
*The referee stops the game, and the parent/spectator will be asked to leave the stadium.*
2. The Team Manager from Team B calls loudly "Travel!" from the sideline after watching a player drive to the basket.  
*The referee is to call a technical foul on the bench.*
3. A spectator is barracking loudly for the Blue team, criticising the referees in the process. A referees supervisor tells the spectator that they need to stop criticising officials, but they become argumentative. The referee's supervisor asks the Blue Coach for assistance in quieting the spectator down. But the Blue Coach refuses to help saying "it isn't my problem".  
*The Blue Coach will receive a technical foul and the spectator will be asked to leave*





# Zero Tolerance Report Form

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

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

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

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

Role: Team Official (Other than head Coach) / Parent / Spectator

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

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

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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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