

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS SPARTANS

TEAM MANAGERS

We are continuing to experience issues with players questioning and abusing referees. I remind everyone that Basketball Australia and Basketball Queensland have a policy of zero tolerance which SDBAL support.

From this point on, continuously questioning calls and abusing officials is not allowed and any player who does so will have the following actions taken against them:-

1. If a player talks to an official in a manner they find offensive or they continually challenge calls, they will be issued a Technical Foul. The player will then have to leave the game for 5 minutes playing time. The team is allowed to substitute a player. A report will be submitted and the player may be suspended for two weeks by the Management of SDBAL. The offence will be recorded for future reference.
2. If a player receives a second Technical Foul in the same game and/or is ejected from a game, they will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute and if found guilty serve a minimum of 6 weeks. They will be required to attend a judiciary hearing within 7 days of the offence. They will not be allowed to play in any competition at SDBAL nor other Association until the matter is resolved.
3. Two separate instances (technical fouls and/ or ejections) within a year will see the players membership terminated. A clearance will be issued to any Association of their choice. They cannot play in any SDBAL competition for 12 months from the date of the 2nd offence.

It is sad that actions such as this are needed, however in support of all of the members at SDBAL we believe this policy will greatly assist in the majority of our membership better able to enjoy the game.

This policy will also assist us in the recruitment and training of referees for both the domestic and representative competitions. Those who seriously care about our sport will support our actions. **No more warnings.**

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