

Basketball NSW - Zero Tolerance Policy for Parents and Spectators



To further enhance the playing environment for all players, particularly in creating a safe, enjoyable environment for children and young persons, Basketball NSW will, in 2005, have in place a Zero Tolerance Policy for Parents and Spectators.

This policy supplements the current policy applied to coaches and team officials. Basketball NSW will provide all representative basketball organisations a parent/guardian undertaking as to the display of inappropriate behaviours as well as an understanding that they will be banned for the remainder of that year's representative programme.

1. There will be a zero tolerance policy towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators towards any other participant
2. Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
 - **Persistently or wilfully 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 do so will result in other formal actions being put in place. No warnings will be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

All participants have to accept responsibility for their behaviour.

Any appeals against disqualification under this policy should immediately be directed to Basketball NSW - Attention: Technical and Operations Manager

This action has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at events conducted by or on behalf of Basketball NSW and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants. BNSW 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 either speak to a Referee Supervisor at an appropriate time or direct their correspondence to Basketball NSW

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 Basketball NSW to help associations increase this capacity.

This policy is not aimed at stifling or diminishing loud or raucous cheering or passing on positive reinforcement to all participants.

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 NSW Child Protection Legislation or Sport Rage Guidelines

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