



TECHNICAL FOUL POLICY

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the SDBA Inc. By-Laws, sections 12 and 13.

ZERO TOLERANCE and BEHAVIOUR

- All Players, Spectators, Officials, Employees and Teams are expected to comply with all BNSW Codes of Conduct and Policies and Procedures relating to Fair Play, Zero Tolerance and to always behave within the spirit of the game. These policies can be found on the BNSW website. Any breaches of these Codes of Conduct, may result in a Citation by an Official and can result in disciplinary action by the Board, or Tribunal.
- The Association maintains a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding: persistent and/or willful challenging of the decisions of Referees; abuse of Referees and Officials; violence of any kind; behavior deemed inappropriate for a community sporting environment. The Referee is able to call a Referees time out to discuss any issue with the Referee Supervisor.
- The use of profanities and inappropriate questioning of referees calls in competitions conducted by the S&DBA will not be tolerated. The following system has been adopted for all competitions both senior, and junior, in an effort to deter, and modify behaviour.

Automatic substitution for Technical Foul

- Any member, player, team official or team follower who receives a Technical Foul (for behaviour related issues or court misconduct) must be substituted immediately for a period of five (5) playing minutes (this does not include any time out taken by the offending team or the half time interval).
- This Technical Foul must be entered into the Tech Foul Register by the S&DBA Referee Supervisor on the night of competition.

Notes regarding implementation

- A 'T' is marked against the players' name on the scoresheet. A 'C' or 'B' against a coach's name.
- The player may be substituted by a legal substitute if available. If not, the team shall continue less one (1) player.
- The score table shall note the time that the player is substituted (in consultation with the match officials) and not permit the player to be substituted back into the game until a period of five (5) playing minutes has elapsed.
- An official is permitted to stop the game on any whistle (or after a made basket by either team) for the purposes of permitting the player to return to the game.
- If a 2nd technical foul is received in the same game, the recipient will be disqualified for the remainder of the game and required to leave the court. The scoresheet will be marked with a 'GD' in all remaining foul boxes on the scoresheet against the players' name. This becomes an Administrative Tribunal.
- If the recipient continues to breach the Zero Tolerance Policy or Codes of Conduct, they will be disqualified from the venue and automatically required to attend a Disciplinary Tribunal hearing and the citing referee and referee supervisor must complete the appropriate paperwork.

Administration Tribunal - Accumulated technical fouls

- Any member, player, team official or team follower who receives three (3) technical fouls during any S&DBA competition season (e.g. Winter, Summer, junior and senior inclusive) will be suspended for one (1) week to be notified in writing by the staff of the S&DBA, outlining the commencement and end date.
- Any member, player, team official or team follower who receives four (4) technical fouls under this system will be suspended for a further period of two (2) weeks to be notified in writing by the staff of the S&DBA, outlining the commencement and end date.
- Any member, player, team official or team follower who receives any further technical fouls under this system will be suspended for a period of three (3) weeks per technical foul received thereafter, to be notified in writing by the staff of the S&DBA, outlining the commencement and end date.
- The suspended person will then be required to attend a remediation meeting with an appointed representative of S&DBA prior to returning to any competition.
- The completion of any suspension will carry over to the next season or competition.

Disciplinary Tribunal

- When a Player or Coach is Cited to attend a Disciplinary Tribunal the appropriate paperwork beginning with Schedule 1 is to be clearly filled out. Only the disqualifying events should be recorded on the Schedule 1.
- The Association will apply the BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws. The BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws are available online.
- The Disqualified person shall be notified in writing or via email of the date of his/her Tribunal hearing.
- All attempts will be made to conduct the Tribunal within 7 days.
- A Player may play until the Tribunal is heard unless directed by the Board that they may not play pending the outcome of the hearing.
- In the event of a suspension and subsequent appeal, a Player is not permitted to play pending the outcome of the appeal hearing.
- A Player found guilty by the Tribunal, with or without suspension, shall be required to sign a “Player Behavior Agreement” prior to playing their next game. Following this, any indiscretion by the Player for a period of 12 months, commencing at the end of any suspension or immediately in the case of no suspension, shall be referred directly to the Tribunal Chairpersons who will form a panel of three from designated panel members, which shall determine if any further penalties are appropriate.
- The Tribunal Panel may also direct the person appearing before them to Complete appropriate online modules in line with BNSW recommendations e.g. ‘Play by The Rules’ modules.
- The Tech Foul Register should be clearly labelled to show a Disciplinary Tribunal (DT) has been held.