

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players officials and participants, Basketball NSW have in place a Zero Tolerance Policy and Sports Rage Policy for inappropriate behaviour at any BNSW sanctioned events, these are used in conjunction with the BA Member Protection Policy By-Laws adopted by BNSW.

Basketball NSW also recommends and adopts the guidelines from Play by the Rules, The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, and NSW Office of Sport & Recreation in regard to safe sporting environments and sports rage. Sport rage is any violence, foul language, harassment, abuse or bad behaviour in sport. Sport rage is bad for sport - reducing enjoyment, risking safety and tarnishing club reputations. Please see the website information below:

<http://www.playbytherules.net.au/>

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/>

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/ryc/fairplay/sportrage>

The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero tolerance towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from any participants and/or spectators
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 leave when requested will result in the BNSW representative taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety and wellbeing 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, required to attend a hearing or refused entry for future events.

**BNSW reserves the right to refuse entry to any BNSW events for any person/s in breach of our Zero Tolerance Policy.**

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 direct their feedback through their coach/organisation. A Game Report Form is available for raising issues and providing feedback.

The health of our game depends on the nurture and development of game officials and younger players. It is the aim of Basketball NSW to help associations increase this capacity.

Please note that any action taken under this policy and procedure is entirely separate to any action that may be necessitated by law under the NSW Child Protection Legislation or the above mentioned BNSW's Member Protection By-Laws.

