

Zero Tolerance Policy

Parents and Spectators

The following policy and procedure will be in effect at all games which form part of the Country Championships or any other sanctioned BV event.

There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators.

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.**

This action may be taken by the Referee Supervisor or the BV Event Supervisor.

Failure to leave when requested will result in the BV representative taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety of players, spectators and parents.

Warnings are not required to 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 directly or required to attend a hearing.

Any appeals against disqualification under this policy should immediately be directed to Basketball Victoria Country

The Game officials appointed by BV also have the power under rules in operation to utilize all available powers to control the game and the surrounding court area.

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 Child Protection Legislation or Basketball Victoria Member Protection 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 Victoria and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants.

BVC 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.

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 Victoria Country to help associations increase this capacity.

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

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