

ZERO Tolerance Policy

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball SA will implement from 12th October 2015 a 'Zero Tolerance Policy' for inappropriate behaviour by a parent and/or spectator.

This policy will supplement the current spectator/parent code of conduct policy.

The 'Zero Tolerance' policy will ensure that:

- 1) There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from any parent or spectator.
- 2) Any parent or spectator who feels the necessity to;
 - Wilfully question or challenge the ruling of the match referees
 - Berate or abuse game officials (ie Referees, score table personnel)
 - Berate or abuse players (from either team)
 - Berate or abuse team officials (from either team)
 - Berate or abuse game day officials such as Court Supervisors, Referee Coaches or Basketball SA staff
 - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
 - Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment
 - Enter the playing court at any time without permission

Will be asked to leave the venue immediately.

No warning need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

At any stage during a game should a match official/s (including Referee Coach) observe any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from a parent/spectator/s they will immediately stop the game and summon the Court Supervisor. Once summoned, or if the Court Supervisor observes directly any breach of this policy, the Court Supervisor will ask the parent/spectator/s to leave the venue immediately. The matter will not be discussed and the parent/spectator is required to leave immediately.

Failure to leave when requested will result in the Court Supervisor taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety of the players, spectators and parents. This may involve cancellation and forfeiture of the game and/or calling the police.

Basketball SA suggests that any parent/spectator/s who feel that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to attend.

A parent/spectator who has been requested to leave an event will be reported to Basketball SA. Each Club/Team/Parent/Spectator must accept responsibility for their actions. Upon receipt of a report Basketball SA may immediately caution or suspend the parent/spectator or require the parent/spectator attend a hearing under Basketball SA tribunal by-laws.

It should be noted that any repeated inappropriate behaviour by a parent may have an impact on the playing future of their child in any Basketball SA competition.