

# Infringement Policy

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# **1. Introduction**

## **1.1. Purpose Statement**

- 1.1.1. Basketball ACT strives to create an environment that is consistent with the safe and enjoyable participation in basketball by players, coaches, Officials, and spectators.
- 1.1.2. Consistent poor behaviour by individuals and teams brings the sport of basketball into disrepute and is contrary to the environment that Basketball ACT wishes to maintain. This kind of behaviour has been identified as a key reason for departure from sports at all levels.
- 1.1.3. This Infringement Policy assists Basketball ACT to efficiently manage the behaviour of individuals who display poor behaviour and protect the safety and enjoyment of those around them. It applies to players and coaches at all levels, with the expectation that coaches and team captains take responsibility for any spectators supporting their team.

## **1.2. Definitions**

- 1.2.1. **Association** means A.C.T. Basketball Incorporated.
- 1.2.2. **Association Activity** means the attendance, performance, or participation in any capacity in any activity organised, facilitated, or sanctioned by the Association, or which occurs at the Stadium, including but not limited to participation in basketball as a player, coach, Spectator, Association or club administrator, or Official. This includes attendance at registered club or team formal training sessions whether occurring at the Stadium or otherwise.
- 1.2.3. **Competition** means a schedule of basketball games, however described, including but not limited to a basketball league or tournament, conducted by the Association.
- 1.2.4. **Competition Week** means a week in which basketball games are scheduled for the Competition or Competitions for which a person or team is registered, including but not limited to grading rounds, minor round games, and finals.
- 1.2.5. **Disciplinary Tribunal** means the tribunal empowered at first instance to hear charges under these By-Laws, including the Hearings Panel delegated by the National Integrity Framework and incorporated policies to hear and determine Reports and complaints of Prohibited Conduct made under the National Integrity Framework, and any other matter which may be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal by the Association from time to time.
- 1.2.6. **Disqualifying Foul** means a foul called by a referee to be a Disqualifying Foul.

- 1.2.7. **Infringement** means receipt of a Disqualifying Foul, Technical Foul, or Unsportsmanlike Foul.



- 1.2.8. **Official** means a referee, duty manager, game supervisor, member services officer, referee coach, Competition committee member, or designated officer of the Association.
- 1.2.9. **Spectator** means a person who is attending, or has attended, a Stadium in connection with a basketball game, other than as a player, coach, or Official.
- 1.2.10. **Stadium** means the Belconnen Basketball Stadium, Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium, or any other venue where a Competition or Competitions are played from time to time.
- 1.2.11. **Technical Foul** means a foul called by a referee to be a Technical Foul.
- 1.2.12. **Unsportsmanlike Foul** means a foul called by a referee to be an Unsportsmanlike Foul.

### 1.3. Interpretation

- 1.3.1. An example in this Infringement Policy is an example of the application of the relevant clause only and is not an exhaustive explanation of the potential application of the relevant clause.

## 2. Infringements

### 2.1. Receipt of Infringement

- 2.1.1. One Infringement is recorded for each Technical Foul or Unsportsmanlike Foul received by a player or coach.
- 2.1.2. Two Infringements are recorded for each Disqualifying Foul received by a player or coach.
- 2.1.3. A Technical Foul attributed to a coach due to the behaviour of spectators for the coach's team will also result in an Infringement being recorded against the coach. If a team does not have a coach in attendance, the Infringement will be recorded against the player who is nominated as team captain.

### 2.2. Accumulation of Infringements

- 2.2.1. Any coach or player who receives two Infringements in a single game will be immediately ejected from that game. The two Infringements may be made up of any of two Technical Fouls and/or Unsportsmanlike Fouls, or a single Disqualifying Foul.

*Example: Where a player receives two Technical Fouls in a single game they will be immediately ejected from that game.*

*Example: Where a player receives one Technical Foul and one Unsportsmanlike Foul in a single game they will be immediately ejected from that game.*

*Example: Where a player receives one Disqualifying Foul in a game they will be immediately ejected from that game.*



- 2.2.2. Any coach or player who receives two Infringements in a single game will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension. The two Infringements may be made up of any of two Technical Fouls and/or Unsportsmanlike Fouls, or a single Disqualifying Foul.

*Example: Where a player receives two Unsportsmanlike Fouls in a single game they will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension.*

*Example: Where a player receives one Technical Foul and one Unsportsmanlike Foul in a single game they will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension.*

*Example: Where a player receives one Disqualifying Foul in a game they will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension.*

- 2.2.3. Any coach or player who receives an accumulation of two, or more, Infringements across more than one game within a fourteen-day period will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension. This includes where Infringements are received across more than one Competition.

*Example: Where a player plays in one Competition on a Monday night and receives a Technical Foul and then plays in a different Competition on a Wednesday night and receives an Unsportsmanlike Foul, they will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension.*

*Example: Where a player plays in one Competition only and receives an Infringement during their weekly game two weeks in a row, they will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension.*

- 2.2.4. Any coach or player who receives an accumulation of five Infringements during a Competition season, including grading rounds, minor round games, and finals, will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension in respect of each of the fifth Infringement received and every Infringement received thereafter. This includes where Infringements are received across more than one Competition running concurrently.

*Example: A player who receives their fifth Infringement during a Competition season will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension. If that player receives a sixth Infringement during the same Competition season, they will receive a further one Competition Week suspension, and so on.*

- 2.2.5. Any coach or player who receives an accumulation of eight Infringements or more during a Competition season, including grading rounds, minor round games, and finals, will be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal on receipt of their eighth Infringement and every Infringement received thereafter in the same

Competition season. This includes where Infringements are received across more than one Competition running concurrently.

*Example: A player who receives their eighth Infringement during a Competition season will be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal to determine an appropriate penalty. If that*





*player receives a ninth Infringement during the same Competition season, they will again be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal, and so on.*

- 2.2.6. Accumulated Infringements will reset at the end of the relevant Competition season/s.

### **3. Suspensions**

#### **3.1. Automatic Suspension**

- 3.1.1. Any applicable automatic one Competition Week suspension commences immediately following the game during which the relevant number of Infringements were accumulated.

*Example: Where a player receives their fifth Infringement during the course of a game, they will be allowed to play the remainder of that game unless they are ejected pursuant to clause 2.2.1 or otherwise. The automatic one Competition Week suspension will commence immediately following the game during which the fifth Infringement was received.*

*Example: Where a player receives two Infringements during the course of one game (eg. two Technical Fouls), they will be ejected from the remainder of the game pursuant to clause 2.2.1. The automatic one Competition Week suspension for receiving two Infringements in a single game will commence immediately following the game.*

- 3.1.2. Suspension is from all aspects of coaching, playing or spectating in any Association Activity. This includes representative and development programs and all Competitions for which the player or coach is registered. Please note that an automatic suspension under this Infringement Policy does not prevent a player or coach from training or trialling for representative teams.
- 3.1.3. Automatic suspensions imposed as a result of accumulated Infringements will be applied cumulatively.

*Example: A player will receive an automatic three Competition Week suspension if they fulfil the following criteria in a single game:*

- (a) Two Infringements in a single game (one Competition Week suspension);*
- (b) Two, or more, Infringements in a fourteen-day period (one Competition Week suspension); and*
- (c) Five Infringements during a Competition season (one Competition Week suspension).*

*Example: A player will receive an automatic three Competition Week suspension if they fulfil the following criteria in a single game:*

- (a) Five Infringements during a Competition season (one Competition Week suspension);*



- (b) *Six Infringements during a Competition season (one Competition Week suspension); and*
- (c) *Two Infringements in a single game (one Competition Week suspension).*

### **3.2. Notification**

- 3.2.1. Club or team contacts will be sent formal written notification to inform them of any coach or player that receives an automatic suspension as a result of Infringements received.

### **3.3. Appeals**

- 3.3.1. There is no appeal process available in response to receipt of an automatic suspension pursuant to clauses 2.2.2, 2.2.3 or 2.2.4 of this Infringement Policy.

### **3.4. Disciplinary Tribunal Suspension**

- 3.4.1. Where appropriate, a coach or player who has received an automatic suspension under this Infringement Policy may additionally be charged with an offence or offences under the Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws.
- 3.4.2. Any sentence imposed in relation to an offence for which a coach or player is found guilty pursuant to the Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws must be served in addition to any automatic suspension imposed under this Infringement Policy and will commence the Competition Week immediately after any automatic suspension is served.

*Example: If a player receives two Technical Fouls in one game they will receive an automatic one Competition Week suspension. If the same behaviour is also referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal and a five Competition Week suspension is imposed, that five Competition Week suspension will commence immediately following the end of the automatic one Competition Week suspension.*