

## **Final Recommendation**

*Approved by B-ACT Board Tuesday 25 June 2013*

## **Infringement System**

Was piloted from Round 11 of the Winter season 2013 in Premier #1 & #2 Women & Men. Approved for implementation across ALL Basketball ACT competitions, commencing October 14, 2013.

Basketball ACT strives to continually provide a friendly sports rage free environment for all involved in the game of basketball that is safe and an enjoyable experience for all participants, players, coaches, officials, spectators and the like.

Consistent poor and bad behaviour displayed by recidivism individuals brings the sport into disrepute and creates an unenjoyable environment for customers and is one of the main reasons why people discontinue playing sport at all levels.

Basketball ACT Competition Management would like to take a pro-active approach in introducing a mechanism which enables officials and staff to deal with these behaviours before they climax to an unmanageable situation whilst protecting the interests of all participants. Also eliminating the number of minor reportable offences reduces the back log and burden on the Judiciary system process.

## **PROGRAM**

### **The Infringement System**

- The following rules and penalties apply to both technical and unsportsmanlike fouls equally.
- Where appropriate, depending on the severity of the offence, a coach or player may also be reported to appear before the judiciary. Any sentence handed down by the judiciary must be served in addition to the penalties specified in these rules.
- Clubs will be sent formal written notification to inform them of any coach or player that receives a suspension via technical and/or unsportsmanlike fouls.
- Automatic one week suspension applies from immediately following the game where 2 technical and/or unsportsmanlike fouls were received, until a total of 7 days have passed.

## Part 1

Any coach or player that receives an accumulation of two (2) technical fouls and/or unsportsmanlike fouls throughout a single game, or any coach or player who is ejected from a game regardless of the number of technical fouls and/or unsportsmanlike fouls administered, will receive an automatic one (1) playing week suspension from all aspects of coaching or playing in any B-ACT competition, program, team or activity under the auspices of Basketball ACT. This includes representative and development programs.

Additionally, any coach/player that receives an accumulation of two (2), or more, technical fouls and/or unsportsmanlike fouls over two (2) consecutive games will receive an automatic one (1) playing week suspension from all aspects of coaching/playing in any B-ACT competition, program, team or activity under the auspices of Basketball ACT. This includes representative and development programs.

### ***Example 1***

**Situation:** Coach X receives 2 technical fouls in round 1 of the season.

**Outcome:** Coach X will automatically be given a 1 playing week suspension from all areas of B-ACT playing and coaching.

Please note that a bench technical foul administered due to the actions of a player will also be included as one (1) technical foul for the coach of the team as coaches have a responsibility to control their players.

### ***Example 2***

**Situation:** Player Y receives one (1) unsportsmanlike foul in round 3 of the competition and then one (1) technical foul in round 4 of the competition.

**Outcome:** Player Y will automatically be given a one (1) playing week suspension from all areas of B-ACT playing and coaching.

## Part 2

If a coach or player accumulates five (5) technical fouls and/or five (5) unsportsmanlike fouls, or more, during a single season including playoffs, the following will apply:

5<sup>th</sup> technical foul and/or unsportsmanlike foul = automatic one (1) game suspension

6<sup>th</sup> technical foul and/or unsportsmanlike foul = automatic one (1) game suspension

7<sup>th</sup> technical foul and/or unsportsmanlike foul = automatic one (1) game suspension

8<sup>th</sup> technical foul and/or unsportsmanlike foul = automatic suspension for the remainder of the season.

### **Example 3**

**Situation:** Coach X receives 2 technical fouls in round 1 of the season. Coach X will automatically be given a 1 playing week suspension from all areas of B-ACT playing and coaching. Coach X then receives one (1) technical foul in round 4 of the competition, one (1) technical foul in round 7 of the competition and one (1) technical foul (administered against the team bench) in round 11 of the competition.

**Outcome:** Coach X will automatically be given a one (1) playing week suspension from all areas of B-ACT playing and coaching from the conclusion of round 11 due to accumulation of five (5) technical fouls during a single season.

### **Example 4**

**Situation:** As above, Player Y receives one (1) unsportsmanlike foul in round 3 of the competition and then one (1) technical foul in round 4 of the competition. Player Y will automatically be given a one (1) playing week ban from all areas of B-ACT playing and coaching. Player Y then receives one (1) technical foul in round 8 of the competition. Player Y then receives two (2) unsportsmanlike fouls, resulting in ejection from the game, in round 9 of the competition.

**Outcome:** Player Y will automatically be given a three (3) playing week suspension from all areas of B-ACT playing and coaching made up of the following:

- A one (1) playing week suspension for being disqualified from the game;
- A one (1) playing week suspension for accumulating two (2), or more, technical and unsportsmanlike fouls over two (2) consecutive games; and
- A one (1) playing week suspension for accumulating five (5) technical and unsportsmanlike fouls during a single season.