

MBA DISCIPLINARY POLICY

The Merimbula Basketball Association (MBA) has established this policy to ensure that a safe and enjoyable environment exists for all players, officials, volunteers and spectators participating in MBA competitions, programs and activities.

The overarching principle of this policy is that the MBA will not tolerate inappropriate or abusive behaviour from any participants and/or spectators. To support this principle, relevant New South Wales Basketball Association (BNSW) disciplinary and code of behaviour documentation, together with Basketball Australia (BA) member protection and tribunal documentation, has been adopted by MBA. This documentation is summarised and can be accessed via hyperlinks below.

Additionally, MBA processes and competition-specific documentation prepared to support this policy is summarised below.

BNSW and BA Documentation

- [BA Member Protection Policy](#)
- [BNSW Zero Tolerance & Sports Rage Policy](#)
- [BNSW Disciplinary Tribunals By-Law](#)
- [BNSW Tribunal Offences and Penalties](#)
- [BNSW Code of Behaviour \(Players\)](#)
- [BNSW Code of Behaviour \(Spectators\)](#)
- [BNSW Code of Behaviour \(Coaches, Officials and Support Staff\)](#)

MBA Process and Competition-Specific Documentation

- MBA Incident Escalation Process (appended to this policy)
- MBA Domestic Competition Disciplinary Penalties (appended to this policy)

MBA INCIDENT REPORTING & ESCALATION PROCESS

This incident reporting and escalation process supports the Merimbula Basketball Association (MBA) Disciplinary Policy. Examples of reportable events include, however are not limited to, incidents where any participant or spectator feels the necessity to:

- Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of 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

Process Flowchart



MBA DOMESTIC COMPETITION DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES

This document supports the Merimbula Basketball Association (MBA) Disciplinary Policy by identifying specific penalties to be imposed during MBA domestic competitions. The intention of implementing consequences for behaviour not consistent with MBA expectations is to help foster a positive, safe, inclusive culture among all MBA players, officials, volunteers and spectators.

Penalties

1. A player who receives a total combination of three (3) technical fouls and unsportsmanlike fouls throughout a competition will be suspended for one (1) game.
 - a. The suspension will apply to the game following the game in which the third technical or unsportsmanlike foul is received, regardless of whether that game is a regular round game or a final.
 - b. Should a player receive a third competition technical or unsportsmanlike foul during a grand final, the suspension will apply to the first game of the next competition within which the player registers.
 - c. Any player to whom this penalty is applied is ineligible for end of competition individual awards.
2. In accordance with the rules of basketball, a player who receives a combination of two (2) technical fouls and unsportsmanlike fouls in a single game shall be disqualified from that game and must leave the facility immediately.
3. At the discretion of the referee(s), technical fouls can be applied to a coach for unacceptable conduct by that coach, player on the interchange bench or spectator (provided that spectator can be identified and associated with one of the teams playing). Should two (2) technical fouls be applied to a coach in a single game, the coach shall be disqualified from that game and must leave the facility immediately.