



BASKETBALL OTAGO ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Aim: To support referees on court from continuous player, coaches, and sideline abuse and to improve Basketball culture in Otago.

Components of Policy:

1. Only the captain and/or coach can correspond with the referees.
2. All correspondence must be done politely and in stoppage time.
3. Correspondence can only be questions in order to understand a call.
4. These rules are for all **PLAYERS, COACHES, MANAGERS and SUPPORTERS.**

Consequences:

1. Tech fouls will be issued for anyone not following this behaviour
2. Techs are recorded,
 - A player or coach (on court or bench) receiving two (2) technical fouls in a day will receive a one week stand down from the competitions effective immediately.
 - 4 tech fouls from any bad behaviour in a season will receive a one week stand down.
 - Multiple offences will require disciplinary hearings with further penalties.
 - This is separate to the Disciplinary hearing that occurs if the behaviour warrants further action initially.
 - Competition points will be on the line if issues continue for teams/players.

These rules can be enforced by referees, Venue Controller and Competitions Manager.

This is supplementary to the already expected behaviour referring to physical play and intoxication etc.