



VJBL SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR RULE AND PENALTIES

VJBL SPECTATOR REQUIREMENTS

- At no point before, during or after a game are spectators permitted to approach a referee.
- All spectators must abide by the Basketball Victoria (BV) Spectator Code of Conduct.
- If you are asked to leave the venue by a venue official, spectator/s must do so immediately, or Tribunal Reports and loss of games may be applied.

SPECTATOR REMOVAL

The following procedure is required to be followed if a Venue Official requires a spectator/s to leave the venue.

- The Venue Official must complete the Technical Foul /Behaviour Foul - Jot Form online if they believe the spectator/s behaviour was at a level that they were required to leave the venue.
- If the spectator has been reported to the tribunal by an official, this is to be detailed on the Jot Form as well and forwarded to the VJBL Administration.
- **NOTE:** Not all ejections require an official tribunal report, this is only required when the action/s of those involved warrant a formal Tribunal Report.
- If the spectator/s won't voluntarily give their name, please complete the jot form and the VJBL Administration will follow the name up with the team involved.

SPECTATOR PENALTIES

The VJBL Administration will review all Technical Foul / Behaviour – incident Forms.

Reportable Offences

After reviewing the Incident Form (and Tribunal Report Forms where completed) the following procedures will be followed:

If a formal report is not submitted, a review of the Incident Form may indicate a formal report is required.

- Basketball Victoria's Integrity Department or VJBL League Manager will ask the Referee and/or Venue Official to complete a formal report.
- Once the report is received, an offer may be made by the Basketball Victoria Integrity Department or the report will be sent directly to the tribunal.
- Alternatively, Basketball Victoria's Integrity Department may direct the VJBL Administration to apply appropriate penalties as stated below.

Non-Reportable Offences

- The VJBL Administration will issue a warning for the first offence.
- The VJBL Administration will apply an automatic suspension of three VJBL game for the second offence.
- The VJBL Administration may ban the spectator from attending VJBL games for up to 12 months for any further offences. Once a spectator has served their penalty, they will be required to serve a 12-month good behaviour bond before resetting their penalties to zero.

TEAM PENALTIES

It is the team's responsibility to ensure that all spectators abide by the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct and By-Laws. Penalties will be applied to the team involved with unacceptable spectator behaviour.

- First Offence – The team will receive a warning.
- Second Offence – The team may be removed from the competition or have home games moved to a neutral venue.
- Third Offence – The team will be removed from the competition.

The Offences that will be taken into consideration may have occurred by multiple spectators or the same spectator, they will all count against the team.

ASSOCIATION PENALTIES

It is the association's responsibility to manage a team's behaviour and educate players, coaches, officials and team spectators on their responsibilities and obligations to abide by the Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct, Conditions of Entry and Basketball Victoria Policies.

The following penalties may also be applied to the Association for repeated breaches by a single team during the current VJBL season.

- First Offence by a team – The Association will receive a warning.
- Second Offence by the same team – The Association will be placed on a \$500 good behaviour bond, (if the team isn't removed from the competition), however if the team is removed they will be expected to pay the \$600 withdrawal fee.
- Third Offence by the same team – the good behaviour bond will be forfeited, and the team will be removed.

Associations have the right to appeal to the JRC Committee on any penalties, as per Rules of Operation.