



BASKETBALL OTAGO

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

RATIONALE FOR THIS POLICY

This policy supplements the following Code of Conduct –

- Basketball Otago Player Behaviour Code of Conduct
- Basketball Otago Coach Behaviour Code of Conduct
- Basketball Otago Parent & Spectator Behaviour Code of Conduct
- Basketball New Zealand Code of Conduct and Fair Play

The implementation of this policy is aimed at eliminating this behaviour and rebuilding a culture of supportive and rewarding behaviour to further encourage and strengthen our sport in general as we strive to make Basketball the sport of choice in Otago.

It is expected that all participants will ensure that their team supporters are made aware of the zero-tolerance policy when attending Basketball Otago competitions and events.

SPORT RAGE

Sport Rage is any inappropriate or abusive behaviour that involves harassing, demeaning or belittling others. It includes –

- persistently or wilfully questioning or challenging the rulings of referees and/or bench officials,
- berating or abusing referees and/or bench officials,
- berating or abusing players and/or coaches,
- berating or abusing other parents/guardians or spectators,
- berating or abusing Basketball Otago staff members and/or volunteers
- displaying conduct, which is inappropriate in a sporting environment,
- enter the playing court at any time without permission
- breach any applicable Basketball Otago or Basketball New Zealand by-laws, codes of conduct, policies, or guidelines.

POLICY

Any player and/or coach who receives a technical foul following this behaviour, will have this recorded. The following penalties will apply –

- A player or coach (on-court or bench) that receives two (2) technical fouls in a day will receive an automatic one-week stand down from all Basketball Otago affiliated competitions and hosted events effective immediately and **must complete the Sport NZ Thriving Under Fire module before returning.**
- If a player or coach receives four (4) technical fouls in one season for any bad behaviour, will receive an automatic two-week stand-down period. **They must also complete the Sport NZ Thriving Under Fire module and the Basketball Otago Referees Module before returning.**
- Multiple offences will require disciplinary hearings with further penalties.

Parents/guardians and spectators whom do not obey our Code of Conduct and policies will be asked to leave the venue if evident of sport rage. Failure to leave when requested will result in further consequence.

Electronic acceptance of Zero Tolerance Policy via team and individual player registrations through Game Day.

Basketball Otago reserves the right to refuse entry to any basketball Otago competitions and/or events for any person(s) in breach of the Basketball Otago Zero Tolerance Policy.