

BNSW - Zero Tolerance & Sports Rage Policy

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players officials and participants, Basketball NSW has in place a Zero Tolerance Policy and Sports Rage Policy for inappropriate behaviour at any BNSW sanctioned events.

Basketball NSW also recommends and adopts the guidelines from 'Play by the Rules', the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, and the NSW Office of Sport & Recreation in regard to safe sporting environments and sports rage. Sports rage is any violence, foul language, harassment, abuse or other discriminatory behaviour in sport. Any form of sports rage is detrimental for our sport - reducing enjoyment, risking safety, and tarnishing club reputations. Please see the websites below for further information:

<http://www.playbytherules.net.au/>

<https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/>

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/>

This Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from any participants and/or spectators
2. Any participant or spectator who feels the necessity to:
 - Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of referees
 - Berate or abuse referees or players
 - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
 - Use any homophobic, transgender related, racially motivated or any other offensive or discriminatory slurs
 - Display other conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment
 - Breach any applicable NSW or Commonwealth laws
 - Breach any existing BA or BNSW by-laws, codes of conduct, policies or guidelines

will be asked to leave the venue immediately. Failure to leave when requested will result in the BNSW or Association representative taking appropriate action to safeguard the safety and wellbeing of players, spectators and parents. No warnings need to be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary. Any participant who has been requested to leave an event may also be suspended, required to attend a disciplinary hearing, and/or refused entry for future events.

BNSW reserves the right to refuse entry to any BNSW events for any person(s) in breach of the BNSW Zero Tolerance Policy.

This action has become necessary due to previous instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour at events conducted by or on behalf of Basketball NSW and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants. BNSW implores any parents or spectators who feel that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to attend. Parents, spectators or organisations who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should direct their feedback through their association or organisation. That association or organisation may then make a formal approach to BNSW regarding any such concerns or complaints in relation to officiating.

The health of our game depends on the nurturing and development of game officials and younger players. It is the aim of Basketball NSW to help associations increase this capacity.

Please note that any action taken under this policy and procedure is entirely separate to any action that may be necessitated by law under the NSW Child Protection Legislation, or any other action in accordance with the BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal or Member Protection By-Laws.