



Under 8 Coaches on Court Policy

Introduction

The game of Basketball can be confusing and stressful for our youngest and newest members. To try and ensure the least confusion and take some pressure off referees, the Diamond Valley Basketball Association (DVBA) will allow coaches on to court to assist their players under specific circumstances.

Purpose

Of priority to DVBA is that every member enjoys the game as much as possible. New players generally are more comfortable with their coach than a referee. Allowing coaches onto court gives our next generation of athletes the opportunity to learn and excel in an environment that is foreign to them while also feeling safe.

Scope

This policy applies to all Northern Junior Basketball League (NJBL) game in all U8 competitions except A Grade.

Policy

1. A coach may walk onto the court during play providing:
 - They do not interfere with the flow of play or cause unnecessary delay in the game.
 - They do not cause interference in either the line of sight or direction in which referees or players are operating within.
 - They do not initiate conversation or make contact with a referee, opposition player or coach or any spectator.
 - They conduct themselves in a professional and friendly manner.
 - They are attempting to assist a player in the conduct of the game.
2. In circumstances where it is deemed by the match referees that a Coach has breached these guidelines, the referee(s) will be required to:
 - Explain to the coach where it is deemed the coach has breached the guidelines,
 - Provide the coach with a warning without applying a penalty,
 - Ban the coach from entering the court for the remainder of the game, and
 - Provide a written report to the Competitions Manager for any subsequent breach during that game once banned by a referee.
3. Any coach who is reported to the Competitions Manager for repeated breaches of the guidelines may have their actions forwarded to a Tribunal for further action.