



## Zero Tolerance Policy

### Introduction

The Diamond Valley Basketball Association (DVBA) has a duty of care to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all its members, including Players, Officials, Coaches & Spectators. The implementation of this policy was deemed necessary due to consistently reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour in the DVBA's Junior Domestic Competitions.

### Purpose

The success of the DVBA and its competitions depends on the nurture and development of game officials and players. Zero tolerance of inappropriate behaviour is not designed to stifle or diminish positive, supportive cheering or to prevent spectators from enjoying the spectacle of junior sport. The aim is to nurture and safeguard an inclusive and competitive environment for all participants.

### Scope

This policy applies to all parents/guardians of players, coaches, member club officials, spectators and any other individuals present at DVBA games, events and venues.

### Policy

This policy asserts that there will be zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour demonstrated by any person involved in, or in attendance at, a DVBA game or event.

### Unacceptable Behaviour

The following conduct will not be tolerated during any DVBA competitions, at any DVBA venues:

- Persistent or wilful questioning or challenging of the rulings of the referees;
- Berating or abuse of referees;
- Berating or abuse of players;
- Berating or abuse of other parents/guardians or spectators;
- Display of any behaviour which is inappropriate in a sporting environment.

### Responses to Unacceptable Behaviour

Coaches and team representatives are responsible for the behaviour of their spectators.

If an individual's behaviour is witnessed by, or reported to, a Referee Supervisor and is deemed unacceptable (see **Unacceptable Behaviour**), the coach or team representative may be issued with a verbal warning or be asked to have the individual leave the venue immediately.

Failure of an individual to leave a DVBA venue, when requested to do so, will result in the Referee Supervisor taking immediate appropriate action to ensure the safety of players, spectators, and parents/guardians.

If an individual has been requested, by the Referee Supervisor, to leave a venue but they do not comply, they will be officially reported. The individual may be required to attend a DVBA Tribunal Hearing as a result.

***All individuals participating in, or present at, DVBA games and events must accept responsibility for their own behaviour.***

Any repeated inappropriate behaviour by a parent/guardian may impact on the playing future of their child.

If an individual who is sanctioned under this policy wishes to appeal any decision made by the DVBA, the appeal must be made via the Club Delegate of the Junior Domestic Club with which they are affiliated. The Club Delegate



must make any contact, verbal or written, with the DVBA's Competitions Manager or Board on behalf of the sanctioned individual.

#### Expectations

DVBA implores any parents/guardians or spectators who feel that they cannot demonstrate acceptable behaviour, at all times, not to attend any DVBA games or events.

Parents, spectators or club members who wish to offer feedback, or request clarification, on matters related to how games are officiated, or on the Association's By Laws, should seek to do so only via the Junior Domestic Club with which they are affiliated.

All involved in Junior Basketball should also be aware of their obligations under *Basketball Victoria's Codes of Conduct*

<http://basketballvictoria.com.au/policies/codes-of-conduct/>