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BASKETBALL NSW – ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS ANY FORM OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR FROM PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING SPECTATORS.

Creating a safe and enjoyable playing environment is our top priority at Basketball NSW. That's why we have implemented a Zero Tolerance towards any form of inappropriate behaviour at all Basketball NSW sanctioned events.

In addition, we strongly recommend and follow the guidelines provided by 'Play by the Rules', the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, and the NSW Office of Sport. These guidelines help ensure that sporting environments are safe and free from sports rage, which includes any form of violence, foul language, harassment, abuse, or discriminatory behavior.

Sports rage has a negative impact on our sport, reducing the enjoyment of the game, compromising safety, and damaging the reputation of our clubs.

For more information, please visit the websites listed below.

www.playbytherules.net.au

www.ocg.nsw.gov.au

<https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au>

Basketball NSW has a strict policy of zero tolerance towards any form of inappropriate or abusive behaviour from participants, including spectators.

1. Any participant or spectator who feels the necessity to:

- Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of referees, or
- Berate or abuse game participants, this includes coaches, referees, scoretable officials, statisticians or players, or
- Berate or abuse other parents or spectators, or
- Using any slurs that are homophobic, transgender-related, racially motivated, or offensive and discriminatory, or
- Display other conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment, or
- Breach any applicable NSW or Commonwealth laws, or
- Breach any existing Basketball Australia or Basketball NSW by-laws, codes of conduct, policies or guidelines.

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What happens if an incident occurs before, during or after a game?

If observed, heard or reported, the individual(s) will be asked to leave the venue/stadium. If they refuse, either the Basketball NSW or Association representative will take necessary actions to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone present. No prior warnings will be given in such cases. Participants who are asked to leave may also face suspension and may be required to attend a disciplinary hearing. Additionally, they may be denied entry to future events.

Can I report an incident?

If an incident has either occurred to you or reported to you, there are a number of ways you can report the incident to Basketball NSW.

Option 1 - Lodge your report online www.bnsw.com.au/integrity-complaint-or-report-an-incident

Option 2 – send an email to mpo@bnsw.com.au

Option 3 – call Basketball NSW during business hours on 8765 8555

Conditions on Entry

To ensure a safe and respectful environment at all Basketball NSW events, we reserve the right, with reasonable cause, to refuse entry or remove any person without entitlement to a refund, including any person who causes a disturbance, or refuses to comply Zero Tolerance Policy.

Important

Our stance towards zero tolerance is independent from any legal action that may be required by the NSW Child Protection Legislation or any disciplinary measures taken by BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal or Member Protection By-Laws.

Sincerely,

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