

# METRO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



## DISCIPLINE POLICY

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## SECTION 1: GENERAL POLICY

1.1 The MBA shall have the power to investigate and apply consequences, up to and including permanent suspension from the league, to any club, team, coach, player or associate, who in the opinion of the MBA are deemed to have acted in detriment to the league.

1.2. In relation to suspensions, correspondence shall be conducted between the MBA and the respective club representatives with the exception of investigations by a Discipline Committee.

1.3 The term “game official” as it applies to the discipline policy shall include the referees, the scorekeeper, the timer and spotters who may be assigned to the game to monitor compliance with the rules as set out by the MBA.

1.4 The term “automatic suspension” shall be defined as one where an MBA Board member, a Club President, or a game official submits a report to the MBA on an infraction listed in MBA Discipline Policy by a player, team official, or team associate or spectator.

1.5 Automatic suspensions are not subject to appeal.

1.6 The term “remainder of the season” in relation to suspensions shall include all games including playoffs and tournaments sanctioned by the MBA.

1.7 A Discipline Committee shall review any matter which has been deemed by the MBA to be of a sufficiently serious nature to possibly warrant disciplinary measures beyond those specified in the automatic suspension.

1.8 Decisions of a Discipline Committee may only be appealed to an adhoc appeal committee of the MBA, provided the appeal is brought forward by the club representative and that a notice of intent to appeal is submitted to the MBA League Manager.

1.9 Any player or coach/team staff serving suspension may not participate in any other league game until the suspension has been completed.

1.10 Any coach/team staff or Spectator serving suspension shall not be permitted to attend any gym or building in which an MBA game is being played.

## SECTION 2: TECHNICAL FOULS ACCUMULATION

2.1 Sanctions will be issued to any person who accumulated multiple technical fouls in a season as follows:

<b>Misconduct Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Accumulation by Player</b>	<b>Accumulation by Team Staff</b>
2.1.1	1st Technical Foul	No sanction	No Sanction
2.1.2	2nd Technical Foul	No sanction	No Sanction
2.1.3	3rd Technical Foul	One (1) game suspension	Two (2) game suspension
2.1.4	4th Technical Foul	No sanction	No Sanction
2.1.5	5th Technical Foul	Two (2) game suspension	Three (3) game suspension
2.1.6	6th Technical Foul	Three (3) game suspension	Four (4) game suspension
2.1.7	7th Technical Foul	Suspended for remainder of Season	Suspended for remainder of season

2.2 For the purpose of counting technical fouls, multiple technical fouls acquired in the same game shall count as one technical foul for the purpose of this rule.

## SECTION 3: PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED PLAYER

3.1 Sanctions will be issued to players based on the table below.

<b>Misconduct Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>1st Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>2nd Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>3rd Seasonal Offence</b>
3.1.1	Game Ejection	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
3.1.2	Profanity - any player reported to have used profanity whether ejected or not	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	4 game suspension
3.1.3	Verbal abuse of league or game official	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
3.1.4	Verbal abuse of a league or game official after the point of ejection	2 game suspension (in addition to the sanction in 3.1 should anything additional apply)	4 game suspension (in addition to the sanction in 3.1 should anything additional apply))	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
3.1.5	Physical abuse of a league or game official	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee		
3.1.6	Flagrant Foul - a player who received a flagrant foul or flagrant technical foul	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred

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				to discipline committee
3.1.7	Fighting - any player who is reported to have participated in a fight	3 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	
3.1.8	Fighting - any player who leaves the bench and participate in a fight	4 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	
3.1.9	Fighting - any player who leaves the bench but does not participate.	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
3.1.10	Instigator - any player indicated to have been the instigator in the incident	2 game suspension in addition to sanction for section 3.6 thru 3.9	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	
3.1.11	Objectionable Behaviour - a player who behaves in a manner deemed to be objectionable based on another's race, religion, country of origin, sexual orientation	4 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	
3.1.12	Where a player has been sanctioned in section: 3.1.2 thru 3.1.4 and the official is under the age of 18.	Sanction received doubled	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	

3.2 Players serving suspension shall be permitted to remain on the team bench or in the stands under the direct supervisions of their parent/guardian.

3.2.1 Should that player create problems in the gym while suspended they will be suspended for an additional three (3) games and no longer be permitted in the gym.

3.3 Any player who participated in a game in which they were suspended from will cause the game to be defaulted and receive an additional two(2) game suspension

## SECTION 4: PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED COACH OR TEAM STAFF

4.1 Sanctions will be issued to coaches and/or team staff based on the table below.

<b>Misconduct Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>1st Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>2nd Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>3rd Seasonal Offence</b>
4.1.1	Game Ejection	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
4.1.2	Profanity - any coach or team staff reported to have used profanity whether ejected or not	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	4 game suspension
4.1.3	Verbal abuse of league or game official	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
4.1.4	Verbal abuse of a league or game official after the point of ejection	3 game suspension (in addition to the sanction in 3.1)	5 game suspension (in addition to the sanction in 3.1)	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
4.1.5	Physical abuse of a league or game official	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee		
4.1.6	Flagrant Foul - a coach or team staff who received a flagrant foul or flagrant technical foul	3 game suspension	5 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season

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				and deferred to discipline committee
4.1.7	Fighting - any coach or team staff who is reported to have participated in a fight	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee		
4.1.8	Fighting - any coach or team staff who leaves the bench but does not assist in breaking the frightening situation up	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee
4.1.9	Objectionable Behaviour - a coach or team staff who behaves in a manner deemed to be objectionable based on another's race, religion, country of origin, sexual orientation	4 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	
4.1.10	Where a coach or team staff has been sanctioned in section: 4.1.2 thru 4.1.4 and the official is under the age of 18.	Sanction received doubled	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	
4.1.11	Failure to show respect for an opponent, related but not limited to section 6 of the MBA Rules of Play	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	6 game suspension
4.1.12	Failure to abide by equal play rules per section 12.4, 13.1 & 14.3 in the MBA Rules of Play	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	6 game suspension
4.1.13	Repeated violation of defensive restriction rules per section 12.1-12.3, 13.6-13.9 in the MBA Rules of Play	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	6 game suspension
4.1.14	Played an ineligible player - overage	1 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline	



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4.1.15	Played an ineligible player - call-down	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	6 game suspension
4.1.16	Played an ineligible player - not registered	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee		
4.1.17	Played an ineligible player - suspended	3 game suspension	6 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee

4.2 Coaches or team staff serving suspension shall not be permitted in the gym or building in which any MBA game is being played until the suspension has been served in full.

4.2.1 Should a suspended coach show up in a gym or building in which an MBA game is being played they will be suspended for an additional two (2) games.

4.3 Any coach or team staff who participated in a game in which they were suspended from will cause the game to be defaulted.

## SECTION 5: PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED TEAM

5.1 Sanctions will be issued to coaches and/or teams based on the table below.

<b>Misconduct Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>1st Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>2nd Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>3rd Seasonal Offence</b>
4.1.1	Failure for a team to attend a scheduled game	Default, \$500 fine and 2 game suspension to head coach	Default, \$750 fine and 1 game team suspension	Default and removal of team from league
4.1.2	Causing a game to end early for disciplinary reasons	Default and 1 game suspension to head coach	Default and 1 game team suspension	Default and removal of team from league
4.1.3	Failure to complete a game (pulling team from game)	Default and 2 game suspension to head coach	Default and 1 game team suspension	Default and removal of team form league

## SECTION 6: PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A SPECTATOR

### 6.1 Verbal abuse by spectator during game

6.1.1 At the first incident of a negative outburst by a spectator the game official is to stop the game and indicate to the coach(s) that the spectator has created a negative environment in a youth basketball game. The following is to occur:

6.1.1 The game or league official may use their discretion to have the team issue a single warning to the first spectator who causes a disturbance. This warning is for the entire gym.

6.1.2 If the game or league official has already requested a warning to spectators and there is a second outburst, the coach of the team who the spectator appears to be supporting must ask the spectator to leave the gym. If it cannot be determined which team the spectator is supporting, both teams coaches are to ask the spectator to leave the gym.

6.1.3 The spectator will have three (3) minutes to leave the gym, if they do not leave the gym the game will end and the result of the game will be a default to the team of the ejected spectator and the team subject to sanctioning under section 5 above

6.1.4 Teams who refuse to warn or remove their spectators will cause the game to be defaulted and the team will be subject to sanctioning under section 5 above.

### 6.2 Verbal abuse by a spectator prior to a game, during half time or following a game.

6.2.1 Should a spectator verbally abuse a game or league official prior to a game, during half time or following a game, the team is required to have the spectator leave the gym immediately.

6.2.1 The spectator will have three (3) minutes to leave the gym, if they do not leave the gym the game will end and the result of the game will be a default to the team of the ejected spectator and the team subject to sanctioning under section 5 above

6.3 Should a spectator enter the court or team bench/scorers area during play or during a stoppage and verbally abuse any league or game official, player or coach they must be immediately asked to leave the gym.

### 6.4 The following sanction will apply to all spectators verbal abuse

<b>Misconduct Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>1st Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>2nd Seasonal Offence (Automatic Suspension)</b>	<b>3rd Seasonal Offence</b>
6.4.1	Spectator ejected from game	4 game	Suspended for	

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		suspension	the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	
4.1.2	Spectator reported by league or game official to have caused a negative environment but not ejected	3 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of the season and deferred to discipline committee	