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Notice to All Members

To better serve our game and all who participate in it, Moss Vale Basketball will be implementing a Technical Foul Register which will assist with the management of poor behaviour and verbal barraging.

In many circumstances in our Competitions, repeat offenders have been allowed to continue without consequence. The introduction of this register will follow the same guidelines that BNSW use in their Senior Representative Program. The details are listed below:

If a player/coach receives 3 Technical Fouls within a competition*, that person will receive an automatic **two week suspension from all Basketball**.

As per the Competition Playing Rules By-Laws the technical foul process is to protect our game.

Penalties

A Technical Foul - 5 minutes substituted out of the game.

A Second (2) Technical Foul in the same game - Automatic Disqualification. This means the player/coach must leave the Court area and surrounds - they cannot view the game or be in any way involved with the game and then they must face an Administrative Tribunal, as per BNSW Disciplinary By-Laws.

All Technical Fouls will be recorded on a Technical Foul Register.

To further reinforce this process, once a player/coach has received a Second (2) Technical Foul within a competition*, they will be notified that if they receive a Third (3) Technical Foul they will receive an automatic two (2) week suspension from ALL Basketball.

Moss Vale Basketball referees are paid to do a job to the best of their ability and a recent review has seen changes to reflect this.

Poor behaviour is not to be tolerated in anyway. Officials have been instructed to react in the following manner:

1. As an official, if you are not treated with respect you need to react in a calm and positive manner.
2. When appropriate, issue a warning to the player and the team captain stating that the behaviour is unwarranted and/or hostile. This will be considered a team warning and the referee will instruct the scorebench officials to note a 'W' on the scoresheet in the Coach's box that a warning has been issued.
3. If the warning is not taken and/or repeat behaviour follows, issue a Technical Foul.

Basketball is to be enjoyed as a competitive sport with emotions kept in check at all times.

Profanities (swearing) will not be tolerated and a Technical Foul will be issued without warning.

Referees are not there to be intimidated, they are there to manage the game.

So please treat our officials with respect.

The Board
Moss Vale & District Basketball Assoc. Inc.

* For the purposes of this document, a "competition" is defined as all grades contained within each of the individual Winter (school Terms 2/3) and Summer (school Terms 4/1) competitions.