

Zero Tolerance Policy



To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Deloraine Amateur Basketball Association (DBBA) have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Players and Spectators in all competitions.

The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be a zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from players and spectators
2. Any spectator who feels the necessity to:
 - Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
 - Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and scoretable personnel
 - Berate or abuse team officials
 - Berate or abuse players
 - Berate or abuse other players or spectators
 - Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or DBBA Representative

...will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Match Manager. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

In addition to spectator behaviour being monitored by the Match Manager and Referee Supervisor if the referees have an issue with a spectator they may stop the game and get the Match Manager and inform them of what has occurred in order to have the Match Manager remove the spectator. If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be observed for poor behaviour they may stop the game and ask the Match Manager to observe and monitor the spectator. The Match Manager will take any actions they deem necessary after observing the spectator.

Any breaches of the Zero Tolerance Policy are to be reported by the DBBA Committee on the Zero Tolerance Report Form and sent to the DBBA Executive officer (registrar) who will review the Report and make a decision on whether further action is required under the DBBA Tribunals By-law.

This action is necessary due to prevent inappropriate and abusive behaviour at competitions and events conducted by of DBBA and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all basketball participants. DBBA implores any spectators who feel that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to attend.

The health of our game depends on the nurture and development of game officials and younger players.

This policy is not aimed at stifling or diminishing healthy supportive cheering or the ability of all spectators to enjoy the spectacle of basketball but rather to ensure that the support is done in a manner deemed appropriate under the DBBA Codes of Conduct.