



*National Framework for Ethical Behaviour and Integrity in Basketball – Appendix 8*

*Courtsiding Policy*

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This policy outlines Basketball Australia's position on courtsiding and the unauthorised transmission of data at Australian basketball venues. The policy reflects Basketball Australia's position that:

***There is no legitimate purpose for a courtsider to be present at any Australian basketball venue.***

## 2. Application of Policy

- 2.1 This policy is to be read with the provisions set out in the Basketball Australia *National Framework for Ethical Behaviour and Integrity in Basketball* ('the Framework') and all definitions in the Framework apply to this policy.

## 3. Who is bound by this Policy

- 3.1 This policy applies to all Competitions and Events.

## 4. What is courtsiding?

- 4.1 For the purposes of this policy and the Framework, courtsiding refers to the unauthorised transmission of match data in any manner and for any purpose.
- 4.2 Courtsiding includes but is not limited to the services offered by data scouts, data journalists and data commentators.

## 5. Standard Condition of Entry

- 5.1 It shall be a standard condition of entry for all Competitions and Events that courtsiding or transmitting match data in any format without the express written consent of Basketball Australia is prohibited.
- 5.2 Any person attempting to gain access to a venue in this capacity will be denied entry and should be reported to Basketball Australia.

## 6. Responsibilities – Basketball Australia

- 6.1 Basketball Australia will:
- 6.1.1 manage the implementation of this policy;
  - 6.1.2 provide advice and guidance to Competitions and Events;
  - 6.1.3 centrally monitor instances of courtsiding across Australia and develop strategies to reduce instances of courtsiding; and
  - 6.1.4 provide resources, guidance and support to the managers of Competitions, Events and venues to assist with the implementation of this policy.

## 7. Responsibilities – Competition/Event/Venue Managers

7.1 Each Competition or Event should have a designated person, ordinarily being the competition, event or venue manager, to manage the implementation of this policy at venues. The designated person shall:

7.1.1 ensure that courtsiding is prohibited under the terms of entry for the Competition or Event;

7.1.2 display posters that clearly state that courtsiding is prohibited (templates are available on the Basketball Australia website);

7.1.3 monitor the venue for courtsiders;

7.1.4 evict and, when possible, record personal details and the employer of any person suspected of courtsiding or transmitting data without authorisation; and

7.1.5 report instances of courtsiding to the Basketball Australia Integrity Unit.

## 8. Courtsiders Not Entitled to Media Accreditation

8.1 Any person purporting to be a data scout, data journalist or data commentator shall not be entitled to media accreditation for any Competition or Event.

8.2 Any accredited media who are found to be courtsiding without the express written authorisation of Basketball Australia will have their accreditation revoked and shall be ineligible to reapply for accreditation.

## 9. Prohibited Conduct

9.1 Participants must not facilitate or be complicit in any way with courtsiding at any Competition or Event.

## 10. Reporting Process

10.1 All instances of Prohibited Conduct pursuant to Clause 9 should be reported in accordance with Clause 14 of the Framework.

## 11. Investigations

11.1 Investigations may be commenced in accordance with Clause 15 of the Framework.

11.2 An Independent Investigator maybe be appointed to conduct or assist with an investigation if necessary.