

Memo

To: Participating Clubs, Courts Supervisors & Referees

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Management of the SDJBL with the assistance of all Clubs, Staff and Referees are looking to improve the flow and level of contact during games.

Guidelines for Referees

- FOULS

- Contact on a **shooter** caused by a defensive player *must* always be called a foul. This includes “small” bumps, slaps, hand checks and accidental contact.
- **Bumping or hand-checking** a dribbler by the defensive player anywhere on the court is *always* a foul. Includes small bumps, slaps, hand checks and accidental contact.
- **Bumping a cutter** by a defensive player is dangerous and illegal and should be eliminated.
- If there is a doubt about whether or not a foul is a **shooting foul**, it *will* be treated as a shooting foul.
- **All contact** in the keyway where a player is put on the floor as a direct result of the contact requires a foul to be called.
- **If there is contact**, and a player flops to the floor, there must *always* be a foul called on the flopping player.

There is no such thing as calling TOO MANY Fouls. Calling too few fouls is a major issue. You are **always** better to call too much rather than not enough.

- VIOLATIONS

- UNDER 8 BOYS & UNDER 10 GIRLS ONLY – shuffling of the feet without moving far is **not a travel**.
- Extra steps at the start and end of dribbling must be called to ensure players learn. In younger age groups a quick “It’s a travel because you did this” to the player is extremely helpful.
- “**More than three/five seconds**” exists to eliminate tall players parking in the restricted area to gain an advantage, and it exists to reward good defence. Soft 3/5 seconds calls are an unhelpful interruption to the game.

- BEHAVIOUR

- Players, coaches and spectators are **NOT** allowed to make any comments about or towards the referees. This includes yelling out things such as “Travel” or “How long?”.
- As we referee games tighter some coaches and spectators may make audible comments about calls being “soft” or “Let them play”. Such comments are **NOT** allowed.
- Waving of arms or gesturing about incidents in a game is **NOT** allowed.

Any poor behaviour by Players, Coaches and/or Spectators needs to be addressed. If needed stop the game and find/call over the Court Supervisor and ask them to address this behaviour.

All Clubs, Coaches, Players, Spectators, Court Supervisors and Referees together are expected to assist in the application of these Guidelines. If possible address any issues during the game with the Court Supervisor.

If issues can’t be addressed on the day, Coaches, Players and Spectators are directed to report any issues back to their Club Contact who will correspond with SDJBL Management.