



Guidelines for SDJBL Referees

● FOULS

- Illegal contact on a **shooter** by a defensive player *must* always be called a foul. Includes small bumps, slaps and accidental contact.
- **Bumping or hand-checking** a dribbler by a defensive player anywhere on the court is *always* a foul. Includes small bumps, slaps and accidental contact.
- **Bumping a cutter** by a defensive player is 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

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 ONLY shuffling of the feet without moving far is **not a travel**.
- Extra steps at the start and end of dribbles 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.

The SDJBL is a development league especially in the Under 8 and Under 10 Age Groups. Be patient and understanding, players may not know the rules and may need some help.

● BEHAVIOUR

- White and Green shirt referees are not to interact with parents or coaches. All questions should be directed to a Grey Shirt referee or Stadium Staff.
- Players, coaches or spectators are **NOT** allowed to make any comments about the refereeing. Any such behaviour will be addressed immediately, no matter how minor it may seem.

● PLAYING RULES

- Game time is 2 x 20min halves. The clock starts when the game starts with a jump ball.
- The clock only stops for whistles in the last 3 minutes of the second half.
- Teams are allowed 2 time outs per half. No time outs in the last 2 minutes of the first half.
- Penalty Free Throws are awarded on the 8th team foul.
- Three point line only applies to Under 12 and older age groups
- In **Under 8 & Under 10s:**
 - There is no penalty for time in the Backcourt
 - There is no "passing back, cross court" penalty
 - Players are allowed 5 seconds in the keyway
- Zone Defence is only permitted in the Under 16 competition.

THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE/DISADVANTGE APPLIED TO ANY RULE. CALL WHAT HAPPENS