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INFORMATION FOR REFEREES

Referees have responsibility for:

- Behavioural Technical Fouls
- Official Reports
- On-court Game Issues

Referees are expected to respond and engage with mutual respect to questions and feedback from coaches.

What is the goal, what do we want to see?

- Positive rapport with coaches and fellow referees
- Positive barracking from spectators
- A fair game for everyone
- Effective and constructive communication with SSO and coaches
- Consistency

Basketball can be an emotive sport. Players and coaches may yell, swear, or show frustration. What is important is that this is not excessive, continual, or directed at anyone.

What is your role?

FIRST AND FOREMOST – BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

- Initiate pre-game huddles and introduce yourself 3min before the start of the game
- Find a balance between being objective (or tolerant) while ensuring behaviour does not escalate
- Make the distinction between directing frustration at an official vs frustration at oneself
- Uphold the Codes of Behaviour
- Let SSO's know of any behavioural issues occurring on or off the court in a break in play. You can momentarily stop the game if you need to
- Complete any relevant reports and submit to Basketball SA

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Follow these steps

- Initiate the pre-game huddle with your fellow referee, coaches, captains and SSO
- Establish expectations and discuss your preference for communicating with the coach e.g. in game breaks or dead balls with or without the SSO present
- Encourage fair play and to be a good sport
- Communicate with your fellow referee to ensure consistency
- Set the tone early with a warning to the offending person that they will receive a behavioural technical foul if the behaviour continues
- Give a proper response to a proper question
- Do not let poor behaviour continue. If a warning has been given and the person does the same thing, issue a technical foul, do not ignore or give another warning
- Eject the player or coach if they have received 2 technical fouls.

When do I give a Behavioural Tech Foul?

- When there is aggressive or excessive waving of the arms or they are held in the air for a long time after a call
- If there is aggressive clapping directed at an official
- If someone runs towards or aggressively approaches a referee
- For shouting a reaction to a call, swearing about the call or swearing at a referee
- Prolonged complaining or questioning a call, especially after being told to stop
- Attempting to demonstrate actions eg. travelling
- For the same behaviour a warning has already been given for

How will SSO help?

SSO'S ARE THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR ANY ISSUES

- They will be there to answer coaches that have questions in an Under 14 or below game and facilitate a 1 minute mid-game huddle if requested by the coach
- They will monitor spectator and coach behaviour
- They will let you know if they see something you don't
- They will speak to a team manager or coach to de-escalate a situation
- They will assist with submitting official reports

What if I need to submit an official report?

- Let your emotions settle, make some notes for later
- Don't let the incident cloud your judgement, **RE-FOCUS**
- Follow the steps in the Behaviour Management Framework