



BEHAVIOURAL TECH FOUL (BTF)

Unacceptable behaviour that occurs within the context of a game (player, coach, team manager, score bench) will be dealt with by use of a BTF. Players, coaches, or the team bench can be issued a BTF. The intent of a BTF is to de-escalate a situation.

The presiding referee will be responsible for monitoring on-court occurrences by using the BTF procedure as follows:

- Give a warning and advise behaviour is unacceptable
- If unacceptable behaviour continues, issue a BTF
- If unacceptable behaviour continues, issue a second BTF followed by ejection
- Referees are required to submit a BTF form for every BTF issued

While it is preferable and best practice that a warning be given in the first instance, a referee is not obliged to issue a warning if behaviour is considered excessive or past the point of de-escalation. At the time a behavioural technical foul is called, the penalty is 2 free throws plus possession. BTF reviews can be submitted to Basketball SA by the affected person up to 48 hours after notice is received of a BTF call.

WHAT BEHAVIOUR CONSTITUTES A BEHAVIOURAL TECH FOUL (BTF) ?

The following occurrences are considered instances that warrant a Behavioural Technical Foul but are not limited to:

- Aggressive or excessive motioning of the arms, holding arms in the air following a call for a prolonged period of time
- Aggressive or sarcastic hand claps directed at an official or opposition player or showing resentment for a call or non-call
- Running towards or aggressively approaching a referee or opposition player
- Aggressively shouting a reaction to a call or using profanity
- Extended or prolonged complaining about or questioning a call, particularly after being asked to stop
- Aggressively or unnecessarily attempting to demonstrate actions such as travelling or verticality after a foul call
- Not responding to a verbal warning by repeating the action (or some other disrespectful action)