



# GIVE A PROPER RESPONSE TO A PROPER QUESTION



## 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.

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## 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.

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## WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

### FIRST AND FOREMOST – BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL

- Initiate pre-game huddles and introduce yourself 3 minutes 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 during a break in play. You can momentarily stop the game if you need to
- Complete any relevant reports and submit them 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